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(54) Title: GROWING MARINE FISH IN FRESHWATER

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to methods, compositions and kits for raising marine fish in freshwater. The methods involve adding at least one Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor (PVCR) modulator to the freshwater in an amount sufficient to increase expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR; and adding feed for fish consumption of the freshwater, wherein the feed comprises an amount of NaCl sufficient to contribute to a significant increased level of the PVCR modulator in serum of the marine fish.

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GROWING MARINE FISH IN FRESHWATER

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/687,373,
filed October 12, 2000. The entire teachings of the above application is incorporated
5 herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Growing marine fish has been generally limited to costal regions or seawater
tanks. However, many freshwater aquifers exist, for example, in the Midwest as
potential environments for the raising of marine fish. Until now, attempts to grow
10 marine fish in freshwater have been unsuccessful.

Growing marine fish in freshwater would provide an opportunity for non-
costal areas to raise marine fish. The ability to grow marine fish in freshwater can
provide fresh fish and economic growth to these areas.

Hence, a need exists to determine whether it is possible to adapt a marine
15 fish to freshwater, and if so, understand the biological mechanisms that allow a
marine fish to do so. In particular, a need exists to grow marine fish in freshwater.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to methods of growing marine fish in
freshwater by increasing or maintaining expression of a receptor, referred to as the
20 Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor (PVCR). The expression and/or sensitivity of
the PVCR is modulated or maintained by subjecting the marine fish to at least one
modulator of the PVCR. The marine fish are subjected to the modulator when it is
added to the freshwater environment, and optionally, to the feed.

In one embodiment, the present invention is directed toward a method of
25 growing marine fish in freshwater comprising adding at least one Polyvalent Cation
Sensing Receptor (PVCR) modulator to freshwater in an amount sufficient to
modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or
more tissues; transferring the marine fish to the freshwater and adding feed for fish

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consumption to the modified freshwater, wherein the feed contains an amount of NaCl sufficient to contribute to modulate or maintain levels of said PVCR modulator in serum of the marine fish. PVCR modulators useful in the present invention include a divalent cation, a trivalent cation, an aminoglycoside, an organic polycation, an amino acid, a Type I Calcimimetic, a Type II Calcimimetic, 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D, a cytokine, and macrophage chemotactic peptide-1. The feed suitable in the methods of the present invention contains at least about 1% NaCl by weight and can optionally include a PVCR modulator.

The present invention also encompasses a method of transferring marine fish to freshwater comprising adding at least one Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor (PVCR) modulator to the freshwater in an amount sufficient to modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissues, transferring the marine fish to the freshwater, adding feed for fish consumption to the modified freshwater, wherein the feed contains at least about 1% NaCl by weight. The PVCR modulator can be a PVCR agonist, a divalent cation, a trivalent cation, an aminoglycoside, an organic polycation or an amino acid.

In another embodiment, the present invention is directed toward a method of growing marine fish in freshwater comprising determining the level of at least one PVCR modulator in freshwater, adding said PVCR modulator to the freshwater in an amount sufficient to modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissues, transferring the marine fish to the freshwater and adding feed for fish consumption to the modified freshwater, wherein the feed contains an amount of NaCl sufficient to modulate or maintain levels of said PVCR modulator in serum of the marine fish (calcium and magnesium). PVCR modulator that can be assessed. The PVCR modulator is added to freshwater such that the freshwater has between about 0.3 mM and about 10.0 mM calcium and between about 0.5 mM and about 10.0 mM magnesium prior to transferring marine fish.

The present invention is also directed to a method of growing marine fish in freshwater having between about 0.3 mM and about 10.0 mM of calcium and between about 0.5 mM and 10.0 mM of magnesium. The method comprises adding feed to the freshwater wherein the feed contains an amount of NaCl sufficient to

modulate or maintain levels of said PVCR modulator in serum of the marine fish, wherein modulated or maintained expression of at least one PVCR is modulated or maintained in one or more tissues.

In another embodiment, the present invention is directed toward a method of
5 transferring marine fish to freshwater comprising transferring the marine fish to freshwater having magnesium and calcium in the freshwater in amounts sufficient to modulate or maintain the expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissues and adding feed to the freshwater, wherein the feed contains at least about 1% NaCl by weight.

10 The present invention is also directed to a method of growing flounder in freshwater comprising transferring flounder to freshwater having at least one PVCR modulator in an amount sufficient to increase or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissue and adding feed for fish consumption to the freshwater, wherein the feed contains an amount of NaCl
15 sufficient to contribute to a significant increased level of said PVCR modulator in serum of the flounder. The pH of the freshwater should be greater than 7.0.

In another embodiment, the present invention is directed toward an aquatic mixture for providing an environment to transfer marine fish to freshwater, comprising at least one PVCR modulator. An aquatic mixture is a medium suitable
20 for transfer of marine fish to freshwater during aquaculture.

The present invention is also directed to a kit for growing marine fish in freshwater comprising an aquatic mixture for providing an environment to grow the marine fish, wherein the aquatic mixture comprises at least one PVCR modulator; and an aquatic food composition containing a concentration of NaCl between about
25 10,000 mg/kg and about 100,000 mg/kg.

Surprisingly, it has been discovered that modulated or maintained expression and/or altering the sensitivity of the PVCR allows these marine fish to live and thrive in freshwater. Until the discovery of the present invention, the aquaculture industry was unable to transfer the marine fish to freshwater without subjecting the
30 fish to stress, death and/or disease. Unlike this practice, carrying out the steps of the invention modulates or maintains the expression and/or alters the sensitivity of the

PVCR and allows for transfer of the marine fish to freshwater with minimal or no stress, death and/or disease, and unexpectedly, the fish grow. In fact, marine fish that grow in freshwater have a higher fat content, and a milder, less “fishy” taste.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

5 Figures 1A and 1B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:1) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:2) sequences of the PVCR of Cod.

 Figures 2A and 2B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:3) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:4) sequences of the PVCR of Haddock.

10 Figure 3A and 3B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:5) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:6) sequences of the PVCR of Hake.

 Figures 4A-B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:7) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:8) sequences of the PVCR of Halibut.

 Figure 5A-B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:9) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:10) sequences of the PVCR of Mackerel.

15 Figures 6A-B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:11) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:12) sequences of the PVCR of Pollack.

 Figure 7A-B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:13) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:14) sequences of the PVCR of Sea Bass.

20 Figures 8A-B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:15) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:16) sequences of the PVCR of Swordfish.

 Figures 9A-B are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:17) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:18) sequences of the PVCR of Tuna.

25 Figures 10A-C are diagrams illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:19) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:20) sequences of the PVCR of Winter Flounder.

 Figure 11 is a diagram illustrating the partial nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 21) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 22) sequences of PVCR of Summer Flounder.

30 Figures 12A-D are diagrams illustrating the alignment of the nucleic acids sequences for Cod (SEQ ID NO: 1), Haddock (SEQ ID NO: 3), Hake (SEQ ID NO: 5), Halibut (SEQ ID NO: 7), Mackerel (SEQ ID NO: 9), Pollock (SEQ ID NO: 11),

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Sea Bass (SEQ ID NO: 13), Swordfish (SEQ ID NO: 15), Tuna (SEQ ID NO: 17), Winter Flounder (SEQ ID NO: 19).

Figures 13A-C are diagrams illustrating the alignment of the amino acids sequences for Cod (SEQ ID NO: 2), Haddock (SEQ ID NO: 4), Hake (SEQ ID NO: 6), Halibut (SEQ ID NO: 8), Mackerel (SEQ ID NO: 10), Pollock (SEQ ID NO: 12), Sea Bass (SEQ ID NO: 14), Swordfish (SEQ ID NO: 16), Tuna (SEQ ID NO: 18), Winter Flounder (SEQ ID NO: 20).

Figures 14A-B are diagrams illustrating the nucleic acid sequence of SKCaR (SEQ ID NO.: 23).

Figure 15 is a graphical representation illustrating the growth of summer flounder in freshwater that underwent APS Process I and grown in freshwater for a total of 51 days. Samples of body characteristics of flounders were obtained at (1) prior to placement in freshwater; (2) 20 days after placement in freshwater; (3) 30 days after placement in freshwater; and (4) 51 days after placement in freshwater.

APS Process I is defined in Example 2.

Figure 16 is a graphical representation illustrating the growth of summer flounder in seawater for a total of 51 days. Samples of body characteristics of flounders were obtained at (1) prior to placement in seawater; (2) 20 days after placement in seawater; (3) 30 days after placement in seawater; and (4) 51 days after placement in seawater.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to methods for growing or raising marine fish in freshwater. The methods involve modulating or maintaining expression and/or altering the sensitivity of a Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor (PVCR) (*e.g.*, at least one PVCR). The invention relates to modulating or maintaining expression of the PVCR that affects the fish's ability to adapt to freshwater.

In particular, the methods of the present invention include adding at least one PVCR modulator to the freshwater, and adding a specially made or modified feed to the freshwater for consumption by the fish. The feed contains a sufficient amount of sodium chloride (NaCl) (*e.g.*, between about 1% and about 10% by weight, or about

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10,000 mg/kg to about 100,000 mg/kg) to modulate or maintain levels of the PVCR modulator in the serum. This amount of NaCl in the feed causes or induces the marine fish to drink more freshwater. Since the freshwater contains a PVCR modulator and the fish ingest increased amounts of it, the serum level of the PVCR modulator significantly increases in the fish, and causes increased or maintained PVCR expression and/or altered PVCR sensitivity. A "significant" increase is used herein to refer to a measurable rise in the level or quantity of PVCR or RVCR modulator as compared to a control or reference. Methods of measuring or detecting a significant increase in PVCR or PVCR modulator are disclosed herein and known to one skilled in the art.

The methods of the present invention pertain to adapting marine fish to freshwater. Marine fish are fish that live, at least for most of their adult lives, in seawater. Marine fish include, for example, Cod, Haddock, Hake, Halibut, Mackerel, Pollock, Sea Bass, Swordfish, Tuna, Winter Flounder, and Summer Flounder. The marine fish are adapted to freshwater having a PVCR modulator.

The term "marine fish" is understood by one of skill in the art. The term, "freshwater," means water that comes from, for example, a stream, river, ponds, public water supply, or from other non-marine sources having, for example, the following ionic composition: less than about 2 mM of magnesium, calcium and NaCl. The phrases "modified freshwater," "freshwater as modified by the addition of a PVCR" and "PVCR modulator environment" refer to freshwater to which at least one PVCR modulator has been added, as described herein.

The PVCR modulator is added to the freshwater in sufficient amounts to modulate or maintain expression or alter the sensitivity of at least one PVCR. A PVCR has been isolated from various tissue of several types of marine fish using molecular biological techniques. For example, nucleic acid was isolated from tissue samples from various species of marine fish including Cod, Haddock, Hake, Halibut, Mackerel, Pollock, Sea Bass, Swordfish, Tuna, Winter Flounder and Summer Flounder. The nucleic acid was amplified using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) methodology. The amplified DNA was purified, subcloned into vectors, and their sequences were determined, as described in Example 4.

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The PVCR, which is located in various tissues (e.g., gill, skin, intestine, kidney, urinary bladder, brain or muscle) of the marine fish, senses alterations in PVCR modulators including various ions (e.g., divalent cations), for example, in the surrounding water, in their serum or in the luminal contents of tubules inside the body, such as kidney, urinary bladder, or intestine. The ability to sense PVCR modulators results in a modulation or a maintenance in the expression of PVCR, thereby allowing the fish to better adapt to freshwater. Modulated or maintained expression of the PVCR can occur, for example, in one or more tissues. As used herein, the "sensitivity" of the PVCR refers to alteration of PVCR expression in response to a change in the concentration of PVCR modulators. PVCR expression can be assessed by measuring or detecting PVCR polypeptide or nucleic acid molecules in a sample by standard methods.

A "PVCR modulator" is defined herein to mean a compound which modulates expression of the PVCR, or modulates the sensitivity or responsiveness of the PVCR, or maintains an already increased PVCR expression level in one or more tissues. Such compounds include, but are not limited to, PVCR agonists (e.g., inorganic polycations, organic polycations and amino acids), Type II calcimimetics, and compounds that indirectly alter PVCR expression (e.g., 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D in concentrations of about 3,000-10,000 International Units/kg feed), cytokines such as Interleukin Beta, and Macrophage Chemotactic Peptide-1 (MCP-1)). Examples of Type II calcimimetics, which modulate expression and/or sensitivity of the PVCR, are, for example, NPS-R-467 and NPS-R-568 from NPS Pharmaceutical Inc., (Salt Lake, Utah, Patent Nos. 5,962,314; 5,763,569; 5,858,684; 5,981,599; 6,001,884) which can be administered in concentrations of between about 0.1 μ M and about 100 μ M feed or water. See Nemeth, E.F. *et al.*, *PNAS* 95: 4040-4045 (1998).

Examples of inorganic polycations are divalent cations including calcium at a concentration between about 0.3 and about 10.0 mM and magnesium at a concentration between about 0.5 and about 10.0 mM; and trivalent cations including, but not limited to, gadolinium (Gd^{3+}) at a concentration between about 1 and about 500 μ M.

Organic polycations include, but are not limited to, aminoglycosides such as neomycin or gentamicin in concentrations of between about 1 and about 8 gm/kg feed as well as organic polycations including polyamines (e.g., polyarginine, polylysine, polyhistidine, polyornithine, spermine, cadaverine, putricine, copolymers of poly arginine/histidine, poly lysine/arginine in concentrations of between about 10 μ M and 10 mM feed). See Brown, E.M. *et al.*, *Endocrinology* 128: 3047-3054 (1991); Quinn, S.J. *et al.*, *Am. J. Physiol.* 273: C1315-1323 (1997).

Additionally, PVCR agonists include amino acids such as L-Tryptophan, L-Tyrosine, L-Phenylalanine, L-Alanine, L-Serine, L-Arginine, L-Histidine, L-Leucine, L-Isoleucine, and L-Cystine at concentrations of between about 1 and about 10 gm/kg feed. See Conigrave, A.D., *et al.*, *PNAS* 97: 4814-4819 (2000). The molar concentrations refer to free or ionized concentrations of the PVCR modulator in the freshwater, and do not include amounts of bound PVCR modulator (e.g., PVCR modulator bound to negatively charged particles including glass, proteins, or plastic surfaces). Any combination of these modulators can be added to the water or to the feed (in addition to the NaCl, as described herein), so long as the combination modulates or maintains expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR.

The PVCR modulator can be administered to the fish in a number of ways. The invention encompasses administration of the PVCR in any way that is sufficient to modulate or maintain the expression and/or alter the sensitivity of the PVCR. In one embodiment, the PVCR modulator is simply added to the freshwater, as described herein. PVCR modulators that are added to the water increase or maintain or decrease expression and/or alter the sensitivity of the PVCR on the skin and gills of the fish, and can be ingested by the fish, in particular, when fish are fed feed having between about 1% and about 10% NaCl (e.g., in concentrations between about 1 and about 10 gm/100 gm feed). In addition to adding NaCl to the feed, the PVCR modulator can also be added to the feed. Amounts and types of PVCR modulators added to the feed are also described herein. Other embodiments include subjecting the fish to the PVCR modulator by "dipping" the fish in the modulator, e.g., organic polycations. The organic polycations can be formulated in such a way

as to allow the polycations to adhere to the skin and gills of the fish, in sufficient amounts to increase or maintain expression of the PVCR.

The invention also embodies assessing the amounts of existing PVCR modulator in the freshwater environment and in the serum of fish. PVCR modulators are assessed or measured using methods known in the art. After assessment, the PVCR modulator is added to the water to bring the concentration up to an amount sufficient to modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR, or sufficient to bring the concentrations of the PVCR modulator within the stated ranges. For example, an aquifer assessed at having only 0.2 mM of calcium needs additional calcium to bring the concentration up to between about 0.3 mM and between about 10.0 mM.

In a preferred embodiment, the present invention is practiced by adding a combination of two PVCR agonists to the freshwater. In particular, calcium and magnesium are added to the freshwater to bring the concentrations of each to between about 0.3 mM and about 10.0 mM of calcium, and between about 0.5 mM and about 10.0 mM of magnesium. In addition to adding calcium and magnesium to the water, these ranges of ion concentrations can be achieved by providing a brackish water (*e.g.*, diluted seawater) environment for the fish.

Calcium and magnesium can come from a variety of sources, that when added to the water, the calcium and/or magnesium levels modulate or maintain expression of the PVCR, and/or are within the stated ranges. Sources of calcium and magnesium can be a mixture of a variety of compounds, or each can come from a substantially uniform or pure compound. Sources of calcium include, for example, $\text{Ca}(\text{CO}_3)_2$, CaCl_2 , and CaSO_4 and sources of magnesium include, for example, MgCl_2 , MgSO_4 , MgBr_2 , and MgCO_3 .

In one embodiment, the invention includes intermittent (*e.g.*, interrupted) as well as continuous (*e.g.*, non-interrupted) exposure to freshwater having at least one PVCR modulator, while on the NaCl diet. Intermittent exposure to the PVCR can occur so long as the PVCR expression and/or altered sensitivity remains modulated or maintained. Continuous maintenance in or exposure to freshwater having at least one PVCR modulator is shown in Example 2.

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The marine fish are transferred from seawater. The term, "seawater," means water that comes from the sea, or water which has been formulated to simulate the chemical and mineral composition of water from the sea. The major elemental composition of the prepared seawater preferably falls substantially within the range of the major elemental composition of the natural seawater (*e.g.*, having the following ionic composition: greater than 30 mM of magnesium, greater than about 6 mM of calcium, and greater than about 300 mM NaCl). Methods of preparing artificial seawater are known in the art and are described in, for instance, U.S. Pat. No. 5,351,651.

In one embodiment, the marine fish are treated by the methods of the present invention by subjecting the fish to a gradual or step-wise decrease in salinity for a period of time prior to transfer to freshwater, while being fed a NaCl diet. Salinity refers to the ionic concentrations (*e.g.*, calcium, magnesium and sodium) in water. The fish are maintained in a decreasing salinity environment for a sufficient period of time to modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR. Factors that can influence the length of time to maintain the fish in a decreased salinity prior to transfer to freshwater include, but are not limited to, size of the fish, level of PVCR expression or sensitivity, if any, prior to addition of the PVCR modulator to the freshwater, the fish's ability to excrete the PVCR modulator and ions, and the fish's surface to volume ratio. Therefore, the length of time the fish is maintained can range between about 5 days and about 60 days, and preferably, between about 10 days and about 25 days.

The ionic concentrations of seawater are decreased by between about 10% and about 90%, and preferably, between about 25% and about 50%. Combinations of decreasing salinity and various lengths of exposure to the salinity are encompassed by the invention. For example, as described in Example 2, fish were adapted to 50% seawater (50% salinity of seawater) for 10 days, and then adapted to 25% seawater (25% salinity of seawater) for 15 days, prior to transfer to freshwater. "Adapted" as used herein, refers to a successful transition to the altered aquatic environment. After maintenance in water having decreasing salinity, as compared to seawater, the marine fish are then placed into freshwater having a PVCR modulator,

as described herein. The fish can remain and grow in freshwater, modified by the addition of PVCR modulators, indefinitely, so long as there is modulated or maintained expression and/or sensitivity of the PVCR (*e.g.*, maintained in modified freshwater and fed an NaCl diet).

5 The invention further includes adding feed to the freshwater. The frequency and amount of feed that fish are fed, are taught in the art. Generally, the fish are fed 1-3 times a day, totaling about 0.25-0.5% body weight/day. The feed has enough NaCl to contribute to a modulated or maintained level of the PVCR modulator in the serum of the marine fish. Specifically, the presence of sufficient amounts of NaCl in
10 the feed causes the marine fish to drink more water from the surrounding environment. Although NaCl decreases PVCR sensitivity, the ingestion of freshwater having at least one PVCR modulator causes an overall rise in the serum level of PVCR modulator. The increase in serum levels of PVCR modulator results in a modulation in expression of PVCR.

15 In another embodiment, the present invention is directed toward an aquatic mixture for providing an environment to transfer marine fish to freshwater, comprising at least one PVCR modulator. An "aquatic mixture" is defined herein to mean a composition that provides a suitable environment for the successful transfer of marine fish to freshwater by the methods of the present invention. The aquatic
20 mixture can be premixed for immediate use in the methods of the present invention. Alternatively, the aquatic mixture can require reconstitution with water. The aquatic mixture when reconstituted yields a solution comprising about 0.3-10 mM Ca^{2+} and about 0.5-10 mM Mg^{2+} . The aquatic mixture can optionally include an amino acid in an amount between about 1 gm/kg and about 10 gm/kg.

25 The present invention also relates to an aquatic food composition. An "aquatic food composition" refers to fish feed, as described herein. An aquatic food composition or feed suitable for use in the present invention contains between about 1%-10% of NaCl by weight, or between about 10,000 mg NaCl/kg of feed and about 100,000 mg NaCl/kg of feed (*e.g.*, 12,000 mg/kg). The feed is referred to herein as a
30 "NaCl diet." The NaCl can be combined with other sodium salts to confer the desired effect of modulating or maintaining PVCR expression, altering PVCR

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sensitivity and/or inducing the fish to drink more. Hence, as used herein, the term NaCl, includes a substantially pure compound, mixtures of NaCl with other sources of sodium, or other sources of sodium. The feed can further include a PVCR modulator, and in particular a PVCR agonist such as an amino acid. In one
5 embodiment, the feed has between about 1% and about 10% NaCl by weight and an amino acid such as tryptophan in an amount between about 1 and about 10 gm/kg. This embodiment is referred to herein as "APS Process II," which is further defined in Example 2.

The feed can be made in a number of ways, so long as the proper
10 concentration of NaCl is present. The feed can be made, for example, by reformulating the feed, or by allowing the feed to absorb a solution having the NaCl and optionally, adding a PVCR modulator. Additionally, a top dressing can be added for palatability. Example 3 describes in detail one way to make the feed. Alternate methods of preparing fish feed are known to those of skill in the relevant
15 art.

Another embodiment of the present invention includes feeding marine fish feed having between 1% and 10% NaCl by weight when the fish are maintained in a freshwater environment having between about 0.3 and about 10.0 mM of calcium, and between about 0.5 mM and about 10.0 mM of magnesium. When this
20 embodiment of the present invention is carried out, the levels of calcium, magnesium and/or sodium in the serum of the marine fish is increased, as compared to PVCR expression and/or sensitivity seen in freshwater fish.

In another embodiment, the fish, while in water having decrease salinity, as compared to seawater, or while in the freshwater having the PVCR modulator, are
25 also exposed to a photoperiod. A photoperiod refers to exposing the fish to light (*e.g.*, sunlight, incandescent light or fluorescent light). Preferably, the photoperiod is substantially continuous, or occurs long enough to increase growth. The photoperiod can occur for at least about 12 hours within a 24 hour interval, or for longer periods such as about 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 or preferably, about 24 hours.

30 The methods of the present invention modulate or maintain the expression and/or sensitivity of the PVCR in marine fish which results in reduced osmotic

stress and in reduced mortality. Marine fish cultured in freshwater by methods of the present invention consume feed and exhibit growth. In contrast, marine fish that are not cultured in freshwater by methods of the present invention experience osmotic stress, reduced or no food consumption, and eventually death. The osmotic stress results from differences in the osmotic pressure between the surrounding environment and body compartments of the fish. This disturbs the homeostatic equilibrium of the fish and results in decreased growth, reproductive failure and reduced resistance to disease. The fish that have undergone the steps of the present invention do not experience a significant amount of osmotic stress. As a result, the fish are able to grow. Surprisingly, as described and exemplified herein, marine fish adapted by the present invention grow almost as well as marine fish maintained in seawater (*e.g.*, 53% increased growth in fish subjected to the present invention for 37 days, as compared to 60% increased growth of fish maintained in seawater for 37 days). Additionally, marine fish cultured in freshwater by methods of the present invention exhibit a survival rate that is significantly greater than the rate for marine fish that are transferred directly to freshwater and not subjected to the steps of the present invention (*e.g.*, between about 60% and about 100%). See Figures 15 and 16.

The methods of the present invention also decrease the incidence of disease among the marine fish transferred to freshwater. Because the fish treated with the methods of the present invention experience less stress upon transfer to freshwater, their immune functions are stronger, and they are less susceptible to parasitic, viral, bacterial and fungal diseases. Thus, marine fish cultured by methods of the present invention are healthier.

25 *Methods Assessment of the PVCR*

The present invention includes methods of detecting the level of the PVCR to determine whether fish are ready for transfer from seawater to freshwater. Methods that measure PVCR levels include several suitable assays. Suitable assays encompass immunological methods, such as FACS analysis, radioimmunoassay, flow cytometry, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA) and

chemiluminescence assays. Any method known now or developed later can be used for measuring PVCR expression.

Antibodies reactive with the PVCR or portions thereof can be used. In a preferred embodiment, the antibodies specifically bind with the PVCR or a portion thereof. The antibodies can be polyclonal or monoclonal, and the term antibody is intended to encompass polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies, and functional fragments thereof. The terms polyclonal and monoclonal refer to the degree of homogeneity of an antibody preparation, and are not intended to be limited to particular methods of production.

In several of the preferred embodiments, immunological techniques detect PVCR levels by means of an anti-PVCR antibody (*i.e.*, one or more antibodies). The term "anti-PVCR" antibody includes monoclonal and/or polyclonal antibodies, and mixtures thereof.

Anti-PVCR antibodies can be raised against appropriate immunogens, such as isolated and/or recombinant PVCR or portion thereof (including synthetic molecules, such as synthetic peptides). In one embodiment, antibodies are raised against an isolated and/or recombinant PVCR or portion thereof (*e.g.*, a peptide) or against a host cell which expresses recombinant PVCR. In addition, cells expressing recombinant PVCR, such as transfected cells, can be used as immunogens or in a screen for antibody which binds receptor.

Any suitable technique can prepare the immunizing antigen and produce polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies. The art contains a variety of these methods (see *e.g.*, Kohler *et al.*, *Nature*, 256: 495-497 (1975) and *Eur. J. Immunol.* 6: 511-519 (1976); Milstein *et al.*, *Nature*, 266: 550-552 (1977); Koprowski *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,172,124; Harlow, E. and D. Lane, 1988, *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual*, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory: Cold Spring Harbor, NY); *Current Protocols In Molecular Biology*, Vol. 2 (Supplement 27, Summer '94), Ausubel, F.M. *et al.*, Eds., (John Wiley & Sons: New York, NY), Chapter 11, (1991)). Generally, fusing antibody producing cells with a suitable immortal or myeloma cell line, such as SP2/0, can produce a hybridoma. For example, animals immunized with the antigen of interest provide the antibody producing cell, preferably cells

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from the spleen or lymph nodes. Selective culture conditions isolate antibody producing hybridoma cells while limiting dilution techniques produce them. Researchers can use suitable assays such as ELISA to select antibody producing cells with the desired specificity.

- 5 Other suitable methods can produce or isolate antibodies of the requisite specificity. Examples of other methods include selecting recombinant antibody from a library or relying upon immunization of animals such as mice.

 According to the method, an assay can determine the level of PVCR in a biological sample. In determining the amounts of PVCR, an assay includes
10 combining the sample to be tested with an antibody having specificity for the PVCR, under conditions suitable for formation of a complex between antibody and the PVCR, and detecting or measuring (directly or indirectly) the formation of a complex. The sample can be obtained directly or indirectly, and can be prepared by a method suitable for the particular sample and assay format selected.

- 15 In particular, tissue samples, *e.g.*, gill tissue samples, can be taken from fish after they are anaesthetized with MS-222. The tissue samples are fixed by immersion in 2% paraformaldehyde in appropriate Ringers solution corresponding to the osmolality of the fish, washed in Ringers, then frozen in an embedding compound, *e.g.*, O.C.T.[™] (Miles, Inc., Elkhart, Indiana, USA) using methylbutane
20 cooled with liquid nitrogen. After cutting 8-10 μ tissue sections with a cryostat, individual sections are subjected to various staining protocols. For example, sections are: 1) blocked with goat serum or serum obtained from the same species of fish, 2) incubated with rabbit anti-CaR or anti-PVCR antiserum, and 3) washed and incubated with peroxidase-conjugated affinity-purified goat antirabbit antiserum.
25 The locations of the bound peroxidase-conjugated goat antirabbit antiserum are then visualized by development of a rose-colored aminoethylcarbazole reaction product. Individual sections are mounted, viewed and photographed by standard light microscopy techniques. One anti-CaR antiserum used to detect fish PVCR protein is raised in rabbits using a 23-mer peptide corresponding to amino acids numbers
30 214-236 localized in the extracellular domain of the RaKCaR protein (Riccardi *et al.*, P.N.A.S. 92:131-135 (1995); accession number NP 058692). The sequence of

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the 23-mer peptide is: ADDDYGRPGIEKFREEAEERDIC (SEQ ID NO.: 24) A small peptide with the sequence DDYGRPGIEKFREEAEERDICI (SEQ ID NO.: 25) or ARSRNSADGRSGDDLPC (SEQ ID NO.: 26) can also be used to make antisera containing antibodies to PVCRs. Such antibodies can be monoclonal, 5 polyclonal or chimeric.

Suitable labels can be detected directly, such as radioactive, fluorescent or chemiluminescent labels. They can also be indirectly detected using labels such as enzyme labels and other antigenic or specific binding partners like biotin. Examples of such labels include fluorescent labels such as fluorescein, rhodamine, 10 chemiluminescent labels such as luciferase, radioisotope labels such as ^{32}P , ^{125}I , ^{131}I , enzyme labels such as horseradish peroxidase, and alkaline phosphatase, β -galactosidase, biotin, avidin, spin labels and the like. The detection of antibodies in a complex can also be done immunologically with a second antibody which is then detected (*e.g.*, by means of a label). Conventional methods or other suitable 15 methods can directly or indirectly label an antibody.

In performing the method, the levels of the PVCR are distinct from the control. Varied levels or the presence of PVCR expression, as compared to a control, indicate that the fish or the population of fish from which a statistically significant amount of fish were tested, are ready for transfer to freshwater. A control 20 refers to a level of PVCR, if any, from a fish that is not subjected to the steps of the present invention, *e.g.*, not subjected to freshwater having a PVCR modulator and/or not fed a NaCl diet.

The PVCRs can also be assayed by Northern blot analysis of mRNA from tissue samples. Northern blot analysis from various shark tissues has revealed that 25 the highest degree of PVCRs expression is in gill tissue, followed by the kidney and the rectal gland. There appear to be at least three distinct mRNA species of about 7 kb, 4.2 kb and 2.6 kb. For example, the PVCRs can also be assayed by hybridization, *e.g.*, by hybridizing one of the PVCR sequences provided herein (*e.g.*, SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 or 23), its complement or an 30 oligonucleotide derived from one of the sequences, to a mRNA purified from tissue sample from a fish. Such a hybridization sequence can have a detectable label, *e.g.*,

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radioactive, fluorescent, etc., attached, to allow the detection of hybridization product. Methods for hybridization are well known, and such methods are provided in U.S. Pat. No. 5,837,490, by Jacobs *et al.*, the entire teachings of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety. The design of the oligonucleotide probe
5 should preferably follow these parameters: (a) it should be designed to an area of the sequence which has the fewest ambiguous bases ("N's"), if any, and (b) it should be designed to have a T_m of approx. 80°C (assuming 2°C for each A or T and 4 degrees for each G or C).

Stringency conditions for hybridization refers to conditions of temperature
10 and buffer composition which permit hybridization of a first nucleic acid sequence to a second nucleic acid sequence, wherein the conditions determine the degree of identity between those sequences which hybridize to each other. Therefore, "high stringency conditions" are those conditions wherein only nucleic acid sequences which are very similar to each other will hybridize. The sequences can be less
15 similar to each other if they hybridize under moderate stringency conditions. Still less similarity is needed for two sequences to hybridize under low stringency conditions. By varying the hybridization conditions from a stringency level at which no hybridization occurs, to a level at which hybridization is first observed, conditions can be determined at which a given sequence will hybridize to those
20 sequences that are most similar to it. The precise conditions determining the stringency of a particular hybridization include not only the ionic strength, temperature, and the concentration of destabilizing agents such as formamide, but also on factors such as the length of the nucleic acid sequences, their base composition, the percent of mismatched base pairs between the two sequences, and
25 the frequency of occurrence of subsets of the sequences (*e.g.*, small stretches of repeats) within other non-identical sequences. Washing is the step in which conditions are set so as to determine a minimum level of similarity between the sequences hybridizing with each other. Generally, from the lowest temperature at which only homologous hybridization occurs, a 1% mismatch between two
30 sequences results in a 1°C decrease in the melting temperature (T_m) for any chosen SSC concentration. Generally, a doubling of the concentration of SSC results in an

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increase in the T_m of about 17°C. Using these guidelines, the washing temperature can be determined empirically, depending on the level of mismatch sought.

Hybridization and wash conditions are explained in *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology* (Ausubel, F.M. *et al.*, eds., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995, with

5 supplemental updates) on pages 2.10.1 to 2.10.16, and 6.3.1 to 6.3.6.

High stringency conditions can employ hybridization at either (1) 1x SSC (10x SSC = 3 M NaCl, 0.3 M $\text{Na}_3\text{-citrate}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (88 g/liter), pH to 7.0 with 1 M HCl), 1% SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate), 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 65°C, (2) 1x SSC, 50% formamide, 1% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus
 10 DNA at 42°C, (3) 1% bovine serum albumen (fraction V), 1 mM $\text{Na}_2\text{-EDTA}$, 0.5 M NaHPO_4 (pH 7.2) (1 M NaHPO_4 = 134 g $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4\cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 4 ml 85% H_3PO_4 per liter), 7% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 65°C, (4) 50% formamide, 5x SSC, 0.02 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 1x Denhardt's solution (100x = 10 g Ficoll 400, 10 g polyvinylpyrrolidone, 10 g bovine serum albumin (fraction V),
 15 water to 500 ml), 10% dextran sulfate, 1% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 42°C, (5) 5x SSC, 5x Denhardt's solution, 1% SDS, 100 µg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 65°C, or (6) 5x SSC, 5x Denhardt's solution, 50% formamide, 1% SDS, 100 µg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 42°C, with high stringency washes of either (1) 0.3 - 0.1x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C, or (2) 1 mM
 20 $\text{Na}_2\text{-EDTA}$, 40 mM NaHPO_4 (pH 7.2), 1% SDS at 65°C. The above conditions are intended to be used for DNA-DNA hybrids of 50 base pairs or longer. Where the hybrid is believed to be less than 18 base pairs in length, the hybridization and wash temperatures should be 5 - 10°C below that of the calculated T_m of the hybrid, where T_m in °C = (2 x the number of A and T bases) + (4 x the number of G and C bases).
 25 For hybrids believed to be about 18 to about 49 base pairs in length, the T_m in °C = (81.5°C + 16.6(log₁₀M) + 0.41(% G + C) - 0.61 (% formamide) - 500/L), where "M" is the molarity of monovalent cations (*e.g.*, Na^+), and "L" is the length of the hybrid in base pairs.

Moderate stringency conditions can employ hybridization at either (1) 4x
 30 SSC, (10x SSC = 3 M NaCl, 0.3 M $\text{Na}_3\text{-citrate}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (88 g/liter), pH to 7.0 with 1 M HCl), 1% SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate), 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA

- at 65°C, (2) 4x SSC, 50% formamide, 1% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 42°C, (3) 1% bovine serum albumen (fraction V), 1 mM Na₂·EDTA, 0.5 M NaHPO₄ (pH 7.2) (1 M NaHPO₄ = 134 g Na₂HPO₄·7H₂O, 4 ml 85% H₃PO₄ per liter), 7% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 65°C, (4) 50%
- 5 formamide, 5x SSC, 0.02 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 1x Denhardt's solution (100x = 10 g Ficoll 400, 10 g polyvinylpyrrolidone, 10 g bovine serum albumin (fraction V), water to 500 ml), 10% dextran sulfate, 1% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 42°C, (5) 5x SSC, 5x Denhardt's solution, 1% SDS, 100 µg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 65°C, or (6) 5x SSC, 5x Denhardt's solution, 50%
- 10 formamide, 1% SDS, 100 µg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 42°C, with moderate stringency washes of 1x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 65°C. The above conditions are intended to be used for DNA-DNA hybrids of 50 base pairs or longer. Where the hybrid is believed to be less than 18 base pairs in length, the hybridization and wash temperatures should be 5 - 10°C below that of the calculated T_m of the hybrid, where
- 15 T_m in °C = (2 x the number of A and T bases) + (4 x the number of G and C bases). For hybrids believed to be about 18 to about 49 base pairs in length, the T_m in °C = (81.5°C + 16.6(log₁₀M) + 0.41(% G + C) - 0.61 (% formamide) - 500/L), where "M" is the molarity of monovalent cations (e.g., Na⁺), and "L" is the length of the hybrid in base pairs.
- 20 Low stringency conditions can employ hybridization at either (1) 4x SSC, (10x SSC = 3 M NaCl, 0.3 M Na₃-citrate·2H₂O (88 g/liter), pH to 7.0 with 1 M HCl), 1% SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate), 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 50°C, (2) 6x SSC, 50% formamide, 1% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 40°C, (3) 1% bovine serum albumen (fraction V), 1 mM Na₂·EDTA, 0.5 M
- 25 NaHPO₄ (pH 7.2) (1 M NaHPO₄ = 134 g Na₂HPO₄·7H₂O, 4 ml 85% H₃PO₄ per liter), 7% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 50°C, (4) 50% formamide, 5x SSC, 0.02 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 1x Denhardt's solution (100x = 10 g Ficoll 400, 10 g polyvinylpyrrolidone, 10 g bovine serum albumin (fraction V), water to 500 ml), 10% dextran sulfate, 1% SDS, 0.1 - 2 mg/ml denatured calf
- 30 thymus DNA at 40°C, (5) 5x SSC, 5x Denhardt's solution, 1% SDS, 100 µg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 50°C, or (6) 5x SSC, 5x Denhardt's solution, 50%

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formamide, 1% SDS, 100 µg/ml denatured calf thymus DNA at 40°C, with low stringency washes of either 2x SSC, 0.1% SDS at 50°C, or (2) 0.5% bovine serum albumin (fraction V), 1 mM Na₂EDTA, 40 mM NaHPO₄ (pH 7.2), 5% SDS. The above conditions are intended to be used for DNA-DNA hybrids of 50 base pairs or longer. Where the hybrid is believed to be less than 18 base pairs in length, the hybridization and wash temperatures should be 5 - 10°C below that of the calculated T_m of the hybrid, where T_m in °C = (2 x the number of A and T bases) + (4 x the number of G and C bases). For hybrids believed to be about 18 to about 49 base pairs in length, the T_m in °C = (81.5°C + 16.6(log₁₀M) + 0.41(% G + C) - 0.61 (% formamide) - 500/L), where "M" is the molarity of monovalent cations (*e.g.*, Na⁺), and "L" is the length of the hybrid in base pairs.

Hence, the present invention includes kits for the detection of the PVCR or the quantification of the PVCR having either antibodies specific for the PVCR protein or a portion thereof, or a nucleic acid sequence that can hybridize to the nucleic acid of the PVCR.

Alterations in the expression or sensitivity of PVCRs could also be accomplished by introduction of a suitable transgene. Suitable transgenes would include either the PVCR gene itself or modifier genes that would directly or indirectly influence PVCR gene expression. Methods for successful introduction, selection and expression of the transgene in fish oocytes, embryos and adults are described in Chen, TT *et al.*, Transgenic Fish, *Trends in Biotechnology* 8:209-215 (1990).

The present invention is further and more specifically illustrated by the following Examples, which are not intended to be limiting in any way.

25 EXEMPLIFICATION

Example 1. Polyvalent cation-sensing receptors (PVCRs) serve as salinity sensors in fish.

Polyvalent cation-sensing receptors (PVCRs) serve as salinity sensors in fish. These receptors are localized to the apical membranes of various cells within the fish's body (*e.g.*, in the gills, intestine, kidney) that are known to be responsible for

osmoregulation. A full-length cation receptor (CaR) from the dogfish shark has been expressed in human HEK cells. This receptor was shown to respond to alterations in ionic compositions of NaCl, Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} in extracellular fluid bathing the HEK cells. The ionic concentrations responded to encompassed the
5 range which includes the transition from freshwater to seawater. Expression of PVCR mRNA is also modulated in fish after their transfer from freshwater to seawater, and is modulated by PVCR agonists.

Using nucleic acid amplification with degenerate primers, partial genomic clones of PVCRs have also been isolated from other fish species, including Cod
10 (Figures 1A-B), Haddock (Figures 2A-B), Hake (Figures 3A-B), Halibut (Figures 4A-B), Mackerel (Figures 5A-B), Pollock (Figures 6A-B), Sea Bass (Figures 7A-B), Swordfish (Figures 8A-B), Tuna (Figures 9A-B), Winter Flounder (Figures 10A-10C) and Summer Flounder (Figure 11). The degenerate oligonucleotide primers used for isolating these clones, except for Winter Flounder, were 5'-TGT CKT GGA
15 CGG AGC CCT TYG GRA TCG C-3' (SEQ ID NO:27) and 5'-GGC KGG RAT GAA RGA KAT CCA RAC RAT GAA G-3' (SEQ ID NO:28), where K is T or G, Y is C or T, and R is A or G. The degenerate oligos were generated by standard methodologies (Preston, G.M., 1993, "Polymerase chain reaction with degenerate oligonucleotide primers to clone gene family members," in: Methods in Mol. Biol.,
20 vol. 58, ed. A. Harwood, Humana Press, pp. 303-312). Nucleic acids from these species were amplified, purified by agarose gel electrophoresis, ligated into an appropriate plasmid vector (Novagen's pT7 Blue or Promega's pGEM-T) and transformed into an appropriate bacterial host strain (Novagens' Nova Blue Competent Cells or Promega's JM 109 competent cells). The plasmids and inserts
25 were purified from the host cells, and sequenced. Figures 13A-C shows the deduced amino acid sequences and alignment for the PVCRs from Cod, Haddock, Hake, Halibut, Mackerel, Pollock, Sea Bass, Swordfish, Tuna and Winter Flounder.

A winter flounder lambda ZAP cDNA library was manufactured using standard commercially available reagents with cDNA synthesized from poly A+
30 RNA isolated from winter flounder urinary bladder tissue as described and published in Siner *et al. Am. J. Physiol.* 270:C372-C381, 1996. The winter flounder urinary

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bladder cDNA library was plated and resulting phage plaques screened using a ³²P-labeled shark kidney calcium receptor cDNA probe under intermediate stringency conditions (0.5X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 50°C). Individual positive plaques were identified by autoradiography, isolated and rescued using phagemid infections to transfer cDNA to KS Bluescript vector. The nucleotide (nt) sequence, Figure 10A, (SEQ ID NO: 19) of the winter flounder PVCR clone was obtained using commercially available automated sequencing service that performs nucleotide sequencing using the dideoxy chain termination technique. The deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 20) is shown in Figures 10B and 10C. The winter flounder PVCR nucleotide sequence was compared to others aquatic PVCR using commercially available nucleotide and protein database services including GENBANK and SWISS PIR.

Example 2: Growth of Marine Fish in Freshwater Using the Methods of the Present Invention

15 Methods:

The following examples refer to APS Process I and APS Process II throughout. APS stands for "AquaBio Products Sciences®, L.L.C." APS Process I is also referred to herein as "SUPERSMOLT™ I Process" or "Process I." An "APS Process I" fish or smolt refers to a fish or smolt that has undergone the steps of APS Process I. An APS Process I smolt is also referred to as a "SUPERSMOLT™ I" or a "Process I" smolt. Likewise, APS Process II is also referred to herein as "SUPERSMOLT™ II Process" or "Process II." An "APS Process II" fish or smolt refers to a fish or smolt that has undergone the steps of APS Process II. An APS Process II smolt is also referred to as a "SUPERSMOLT™ II" or a "Process II" smolt.

APS Process I: Marine fish are exposed to or maintained in freshwater containing 0.3-10.0 mM calcium and 0.5-10.0 mM magnesium ions. This water is prepared by addition of calcium carbonate and/or calcium chloride and magnesium chloride to the freshwater. Fish are fed with feed pellets containing 1-7% (weight/weight) NaCl. See Example 3 for further details regarding the feed. Fish

are exposed to or maintained in this regimen of water mixture and feed for a total of 30-45 days, using standard hatchery care techniques. Water temperatures vary between 10-16°C. Fish are exposed to a constant photoperiod for the duration of APS Process I. A fluorescent light is used for the photoperiod.

- 5 APS Process II: Marine fish are exposed to or maintained in freshwater containing 0.3-10.0 mM calcium and 0.5-10.0 mM magnesium ions. This water is prepared by addition of calcium carbonate and/or calcium chloride and magnesium chloride to the freshwater. Fish are fed with feed pellets containing 1-7% (weight/weight) NaCl and either 2 gm or 4 gm of L-Tryptophan per kg of feed. See
- 10 Example 3 for further details regarding the feed. Fish are exposed to or maintained in this regimen of water mixture and feed for a total of 30-45 days using standard hatchery care techniques. Water temperatures vary between 10-16°C. Fish are exposed to a constant photoperiod for the duration of APS Process II. A fluorescent light is used for the photoperiod.
- 15 Summer Flounders of various weights that were all derived from a single homogenous stock of farm raised animals (Great Bay AquaFarms Portsmouth, NH) were transported and placed in artificial seawater (Crystal Sea) within the APS laboratory. These were divided into two groups (n=13) and one maintain in seawater (Seawater Control) for a total of 81 days and fed a standard flounder diet
- 20 (Corey Feeds, New Brunswick, Canada). The other (Freshwater) was adapted to APS Process I conditions over 30 days consisting of 5 mM Ca^{2+} , 8mM Mg^{2+} concentrations in the water and a 1.2% NaCl supplemented diet of 70% standard flounder feed (Corey Feeds, New Brunswick, Canada) and 30% ground squid. These flounder were then maintained in APS Process I conditions for a total of 51
- 25 days and their growth compared to that exhibited by matched paired summer flounder maintain in seawater.

Flounders were adapted to the APS Process I by the following 30 day schedule:

1. Maintenance in seawater for 5 days.
2. Reduce water salinity to 50% seawater for 10 days.
- 30 3. Reduce water salinity to 25% seawater for 15 days.

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4. Place fish in APS Process I water (5 mM Ca^{2+} , 8mM Mg^{2+} concentrations in the freshwater, pH 7.6-8.0)

Fish were individually tagged using colored elastomer tags their change in weight was determined at specific time points during the 51 day experimental interval.

The feed conversion ratio or FCR is obtained by dividing the body weight gained by a group of fish into the amount of food fed to the group of fish. The more efficient the conversion of food into body weight growth by fish, the smaller the FCR (small amount of food/large weight gain of fish). A very small FCR number (less than 1) encompasses a highly efficient conversion of food into body weight growth which is the goal of aquaculture. By contrast, a large FCR means an inefficient conversion of food into body weight growth and is generally undesirable. A large or poor FCR is undesirable due to the cost of feed and the necessity to use more feed to grow fish to a given weight. The FCR values for fish subjected to the methods of the present invention are generally smaller and more desirable, in some instances (*e.g.*, when fish were fed dry feed), than most industry published values because the present invention eliminates the presence of osmotically damaged fish that tend to increase the overall FCR since they eat food but do not grow. The methods of the present invention, result in a lower FCR, allowing optimal feeding and growth of most fish. The FCR of fish subjected to the present invention is sufficient to maintain growth and feeding of the majority of fish, or preferably increase the growth and feed consumption of the majority of fish. When fish are subjected to the methods of the present invention, they exhibit ranges of FCRs, for example, would include values between about 0.7 and about 7.0. In particular, food consumption or food intake is improved because it is believed that the fish "smell" or "sense" the food with the PVCR in cells of the olfactory lamellae or olfactory bulb.

The specific growth rate (SGR) of the fish was determined by dividing the weight of the fish at the end of the given time point by the starting weight of the fish.

All calculations to obtain feed conversion ratio (FCR) or specific growth rate (SGR) and growth factor (GF3) were performed using standard accepted formulae

(Willoughby, S. Manual of Salmonid Farming Blackwell Scientific, Oxford UK 1999)

Results and Discussion:

A marine fish, Summer Flounder, can be adapted and grown under APS
5 Process I conditions for a prolonged interval (51 days) with growth rates similar to that exhibited by matched control Summer Flounder in seawater.

Tables I and II display data obtained from identical groups of summer flounder maintained under either seawater (seawater control) or APS Process I freshwater conditions. Water quality and temperatures (16.3°C vs 17.9°C average)
10 were comparable. Flounders were successfully adapted to APS Process I conditions without significant mortalities and their overall appearance did not differ significantly from those matched controls that were maintained in seawater.

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Table I: Growth of Summer Flounder in Freshwater.

Flounder #		APS Freshwater			Weight 51 days	Total Weight Gained
		Weight Start	Weight 20 days	Weight 37 days		
5	116 1	161	145	144	140	-21
	118 2	87	94			
	123 3	60				
	142 4	94	104	115	112	18
	146 5	73	73			
10	221 6	118	135	145	156	38
	223 7	105				
	225 8	96	112	124	133	37
	226 9	156	183	203	221	65
	227 10	162	176	172	180	18
15	233 11	205	207	220	244	39
	234 12	221	224			
	235 13	150	161	164	174	24
Average		129.8462	146.7273	160.875	170	27.2
S.Dev.		50.15	48.34065	36.65452	44.75648	
p test			0.017186	0.013243	0.0085	
Amount Fed (gm)			342	315	291	948
20	water °C (Average)	17.9	19.4	16.4	17.9	
FCR			3.96			
SGR			0.53% bw/day			

Feed conversion ratio (FCR); specific growth rate (SGR)

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Table II: Growth of Summer Flounder in Seawater.

Fish #	APS Seawater		Total days 51			
	Weight Start	Weight 20 days	Weight 37 days	Weight 51 days	Total Weight Gained	
5	117	114				
	118	147	146	168	168	21
	120	60	70	91	94	34
	122	90	115	142	153	63
	126	128	142	174	196	68
10	127	67	76	93	105	38
	130	95	90	93	86	-9
	131	92	87	101	104	12
	132	93	101	121	127	34
	134	174	191	235	236	62
15	139	116				
	140	121	138	170	175	54
	145	79	87	100	135	56
	Average	105.8462	113	135.2727	143.5455	39.3636
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	S. Dev.	31.997	37.26392	46.82327	47.05181	
	T test		0.308845	0.041076	0.014804	
	Amount Fed (gm)		301	324	254	879

20 FCR 1.99

SGR 0.6%bw/ day

body weight=bw

Overall mortalities of fish during the 51 day test interval was lower in seawater (2/13 or 15.4%) as compared to flounders maintained under APS Process I conditions (5/13 or 38.5%). The average weight gained by all flounders maintain under APS Process I conditions (27.2 gm) was less as compared to overall weight gain of the seawater control group (38.4 gm). Significant weight gains were observed in both groups after intervals of 20 days for APS Process I fish and 37 days for flounder maintained in seawater. Thus, the average specific growth rates (SGR)

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amongst the surviving flounders in APS Process I (0.53% body weight per day) were comparable to those maintained in seawater (0.6% body weight per day).

In contrast, 100% of marine fish (Cod, Haddock, Hake, Halibut, Mackerel, Pollock, Sea Bass, Swordfish, Tuna, Winter Flounder and Summer Flounder) die
5 within 72 hours of freshwater transfer.

Comparison of the food conversion ratio (FCR) between flounders maintained in APS Process I vs seawater shows that flounders maintained under APS Process I conditions displayed a significantly greater FCR (3.96), as compared to their matched seawater controls (1.99).

10 Figures 1A-B show the individual weight gain performances of tagged flounders maintained under APS Process I or seawater conditions. It is notable that there are wide variations in individual growth rates such that some flounders (*e.g.* #9 and #11) exhibited steady and significant growth under APS Process I conditions while others showed poor weight gains (*e.g.* #10) or even lost weight (*e.g.* #1).
15 Similar performance characteristics were observed for flounder in seawater although the variation in individual performances were less pronounced as compared to flounders maintained in APS Process I.

Taken together, these data demonstrate that summer flounder can be successfully maintained under freshwater conditions using APS Process I for a
20 prolonged interval (51 days) of time. Under normal conditions, summer flounder growth and survival are normally restricted to approximately 25% seawater whereupon the flounders die if the salinity is further reduced. These data form the basis of culture of summer flounder in freshwater environments distant from the marine environment itself where prices for flounder fillets would more than offset
25 the poorer performance (increased mortalities and poorer FCR and weight gains) as compared to seawater controls.

Transferring marine fish to freshwater using APS Process II is expected to provide even better growth rates, than seen with APS Process I. Salmon and Trout that underwent APS Process II exhibited significant increases in growth rates, as
30 illustrated in related applications, Patent Application Nos. 09/687,372; 09/687,476; 09/687,477, all entitled, "Methods for Raising Pre-Adult Anadromous Fish," and

Patent Application No. 09/687,373, entitled "Growing Marine Fish in Fresh Water", all filed on October 12, 2000.

Example 3: The Feed

Two general methods were used to prepare feed for consumption by fish as part of APS Process I and II. These two processes involve either reformulation of feed or addition of a concentration solution for absorption by the feed followed by a top dressing for palatability. This disclosure describes the methodology to prepare feed using each of these 2 methods.

Methods:

10 Feed Manufacture for salmon experiments

To reformulate feed, the ingredients are as follows: Base Diet was made using the following ingredients and procedure: 30% Squid (liquefied in blender), 70% Corey Aquafeeds flounder diet (powderized in blender). Ingredients were blended into a semi moist "dough" ball. Other ingredients including NaCl or PVCR active compounds were blended into the base diet by weight according to experimental parameters.

Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet (sizes 1.2, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, and 3.5 mm) can also be used. A top dressing was applied to the pellets such that top dressing is composed of 4% of the weight of the Base Diet. Top dressing is composed of 50% krill hydrolysate (Specialty Marine Products Ltd.) and 50% Menhaden fish oil. The top dressing is added for palatability and sealing of added ingredients

Other ingredients can include NaCl, MgCl₂, CaCl₂ or L-Tryptophan that are added by weight to the base diet by weight, as described herein.

25 Preparation of Feed Containing 7% (weight/weight) NaCl:

For the APS Process I: Solid NaCl or NaCl apportioned at a ratio of 7% of the weight of the Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet weight was added to a volume of tap water approximately 3-4 times the weight of NaCl. The mixture

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was heated to 60-70°C with mixing via use of a magnetic stirring bar to dissolve salt.

The NaCl solution was then poured into a hand held sprayer and applied to the Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet that is tumbling inside of a 1.5 cubic meter motorized cement mixer. After absorption of the NaCl rich solution, the wetted Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet is spread out thinly on window screening and placed in an enclosed rack system equipped with a fan and 1500 watt heater to expedite drying process. After drying for approximately 6 hr, the dried NaCl-rich pellets are returned to the cement mixer and a top dressing is applied. The feed is stored at room temperature until use.

- 10 Preparation of Feed Containing 7% (weight/weight) NaCl + PVCR Agonist (Tryptophan) For the APS Process II: Solid sodium chloride or NaCl apportioned at a ratio of 7% of the weight of the Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet weight was added to a volume of tap water approximately 3-4 times the weight of NaCl. The mixture was heated to 60-70°C with mixing via use of a magnetic stirring bar to dissolve salt. USP Grade L-Tryptophan was added to the water at either 2 grams or 4 grams for every kg of Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet depending on formulation need. Dilute hydrochloric acid was added to the water with mixing until the tryptophan was dissolved and the pH of solution was approximately 4.0. The NaCl + tryptophan solution was then poured into a hand held sprayer and was then applied to the Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet tumbling inside a cement mixer. After absorption of the NaCl + tryptophan solution, the wetted Moore Clark standard freshwater salmonid diet is then spread out thinly on window screening and placed in an enclosed rack system equipped with a fan and 1500-watt heater to expedite drying process. After drying for approximately 6 hr, the dried NaCl/tryptophan-rich pellets are then returned to the cement mixer and a top dressing is applied. The feed is stored at room temperature until use.

- Example 4: DNA and Putative Protein Sequences from Partial Genomic Clones of Polyvalent Cation Receptor Protein Amplified by PCR from the DNA of Several Species of Marine fish.

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These data provide the partial PVCR genomic sequences isolated in 13 species of marine fish. Each of these nucleotide sequences is unique and thus could be used as a unique probe to isolate the full-length cDNA from each species. Moreover, these nucleotide sequences could form the basis for a specific assay kit(s) for detection of PVCR expression in various tissues of these fish. For example, the kit could optionally include a labeled hybridization probe suitable for *in situ* hybridization.

The PVCR has been isolated in several species including Cod, Haddock, Hake, Halibut, Mackerel, Pollock, Sea Bass, Swordfish, Tuna, Winter Flounder and Summer Flounder. Sequences of mammalian CaRs together with the nucleotide sequence of SKCaR (Figures 14A and 14B) were used to design degenerate oligonucleotide primers to highly conserved regions in the extracellular and transmembrane domains of polyvalent cation receptor proteins using standard methodologies (See GM Preston, "Polymerase chain reaction with degenerate oligonucleotide primers to clone gene family members," *Methods in Mol. Biol.* Vol. 58, Edited by A. Harwood, Humana Press, pages 303-312, 1993). Using these primers, cDNA or genomic DNA from various fish species representing important commercial products are amplified using standard PCR methodology. Amplified bands are then purified by agarose gel electrophoresis and ligated into appropriate plasmid vector that is transformed into a bacterial strain. After growth in liquid media, vectors and inserts are purified using standard techniques, analyzed by restriction enzyme analysis and sequenced where appropriate. Using this methodology, nucleotide sequences were amplified.

To generate this sequence data, DNA was isolated from tissue samples of each of the species indicated using standard published techniques. DNA was then amplified using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) methodology including 2 degenerate PCR primers (DSK-F3 (5'-TGT CKT GGA CGG AGC CCT TYG GRA TCG C-3'; SEQ ID NO.: 29) and DSK-R4; (5'-GGC KGG RAT GAA RGA KAT CCA RAC RAT GAA G-3' SEQ ID NO:30). Amplified DNAs were then purified by agarose gel electrophoresis, subcloned into plasmid vectors, amplified, purified and sequenced using standard methods.

Figures 12A-C show an aligned genomic DNA sequences of 593 nucleotides for 12 marine fish species, each of which codes for an identical region of the PVCR protein. Note that each nucleotide sequence derived from each specific species is unique. However, alterations in the DNA sequences of these genes often occur at
5 common specific nucleotides within each sequence of 593 nucleotides.

Figures 13A-C show aligned corresponding predicted protein sequences derived from genomic nucleotide sequences displayed in Figures 12A-D. Note that few alterations in the amino acid sequence of this portion of the PVCR occur as a consequence of alterations in the nucleotide sequence as shown in Figures 12A-D.
10 All of these changes (*e.g.*, Ala to Val; Arg to Lys; and Cys to Tyr) are known as “conservative” substitutions of amino acids in that they preserve some combination of the relative size, charge and hydrophobicity of the peptide sequence.

All cited references, patents, and patent applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Also, companion Patent Application No. not yet
15 assigned (Attorney Docket No. 2213.2004-001), entitled “Methods for Growing and Imprinting Fish Using Odorant,” filed October 11, 2001; Patent Application No. not yet assigned (Attorney Docket No. 2213.1004-001), entitled “Methods for Raising Pre-adult Anadromous Fish,” filed October 11, 2001; International Application No. not yet assigned (Attorney Docket No. 2213.1006-003), entitled “Polyvalent Cation-
20 sensing Receptor Proteins in Aquatic Species,” filed October 11, 2001. Additionally, Patent Application No. 09/687,477, entitled “Methods for Raising Marine Fish,” filed on October 12, 2000; Patent Application No. 09/687,476, entitled “Methods for Raising Marine Fish,” filed on October 12, 2000; Patent Application No. 09/687,373, entitled “Methods for Raising Marine Fish,” filed on
25 October 12, 2000; Provisional Patent Application No. 60/240,392, entitled “Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor Proteins in Aquatic Species,” filed on October 12, 2000; Provisional Patent Application No. 60/240,003, entitled “Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor Proteins in Aquatic Species,” filed on October 12, 2000, are all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. Additionally, Application
30 No. 09/162,021, filed on September 28, 1998, International PCT application No. PCT/US97/05031, filed on March 27, 1997, and Application No. 08/622,738 filed

March 27, 1996, all entitled, " Polycation Sensing Receptor in Aquatic Species and Methods of Use Thereof" are all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

While this invention has been particularly shown and described with references to preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled
5 in the art that various changes can be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention encompassed by the appended claims.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of growing marine fish in freshwater, comprising:
 - a) adding at least one Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor (PVCR)
5 modulator to freshwater in an amount sufficient to modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissues;
 - b) transferring the marine fish to the freshwater, modified according to step a); and
 - 10 c) adding feed for fish consumption to the modified freshwater, wherein the feed contains an amount of NaCl sufficient to contribute to a significant increased level of said PVCR modulator in serum of the marine fish.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the PVCR modulator is selected from the
15 group consisting of a divalent cation, a trivalent cation, an aminoglycoside, an organic polycation, an amino acid, a Type I Calcimimetic, a Type II Calcimimetic, 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D, a cytokine, and macrophage chemotatic peptide-1.
3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the feed contains at least about 1% NaCl by
20 weight.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the feed contains a PVCR modulator.
5. A method of transferring marine fish to freshwater, comprising:
 - a) adding at least one Polyvalent Cation Sensing Receptor (PVCR)
modulator to the freshwater in an amount sufficient to modulate or

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- maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissues;
- b) transferring the marine fish to the freshwater, modified according to step a); and
- 5 c) adding feed for fish consumption to the modified freshwater, wherein the feed contains at least about 1% NaCl by weight.
6. The method of Claim 5, wherein the PVCR modulator is a PVCR agonist.
7. The method of Claim 6, wherein the PVCR agonist is selected from the group consisting of a divalent cation, a trivalent cation, an aminoglycoside,
10 an organic polycation and an amino acid.
8. A method of growing marine fish in freshwater, comprising:
- a) determining the level of at least one PVCR modulator in freshwater;
- b) based on the level determined in step a), adding said PVCR modulator to the freshwater in an amount sufficient to modulate or
15 maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissues;
- c) transferring the marine fish to the freshwater, modified according to step b); and
- d) adding feed for fish consumption to the modified freshwater, wherein
20 the feed contains an amount of NaCl sufficient to contribute to a modulated level of said PVCR modulator in serum of the marine fish.
9. The method of Claim 8, wherein the PVCR modulator assessed is selected from the group consisting of calcium and magnesium.
10. The method of Claim 9, wherein the freshwater has between about 0.3 mM
25 and 10.0 about mM calcium and between about 0.5 mM and about 10.0 mM magnesium prior to transferring marine fish.

11. A method of growing marine fish in freshwater having between about 0.3 mM and about 10.0 mM of calcium and between about 0.5 mM and 10.0 mM of magnesium, the method comprising adding feed to the freshwater wherein the feed contains an amount of NaCl sufficient to contribute to a significant increased level of said PVCR modulator in serum of the marine fish; wherein modulated expression of at least one PVCR occurs in one or more tissues.
12. The method of Claim 11, wherein the feed contains at least about 1% NaCl by weight.
- 10 13. A method of transferring marine fish to freshwater, comprising:
- a) transferring the marine fish to freshwater having magnesium and calcium in the freshwater in amounts sufficient to modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissues, and
- 15 b) adding feed to the freshwater, wherein the feed contains at least about 1% NaCl by weight.
14. A method of growing flounder in freshwater, comprising:
- a) transferring the flounder to freshwater having at least one PVCR modulator in an amount sufficient to modulate or maintain expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in one or more tissue;
- 20 b) adding feed for fish consumption to the freshwater, wherein the feed contains an amount of NaCl sufficient to contribute to a significant increased level of said PVCR modulator in serum of the flounder.
15. The method of Claim 14, wherein the pH of the freshwater is greater than 7.0.
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16. The method of Claim 14, wherein the PVCR modulator is selected from the group consisting of a divalent cation, a trivalent cation, an aminoglycoside, a organic polycation, an amino acid, a Type I Calcimimetic, a Type II Calcimimetic, 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D, a cytokine, and macrophage chemotatic peptide-1.
17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the feed comprises at least about 1% NaCl by weight.
18. An aquatic mixture for providing an environment to transfer marine fish to freshwater, comprising at least one PVCR modulator.
19. A kit for growing marine fish in freshwater, comprising:
- a) an aquatic mixture for providing an environment to grow the marine fish, wherein the aquatic mixture comprises at least one PVCR modulator; and
 - b) an aquatic food composition containing a concentration of NaCl between about 10,000 mg/kg and about 100,000 mg/kg.

	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
SEQ ID NO: 1	CCTGACAATATTGCAGTGCTGGAGTCTTGCTGACGGGTTCGTCTAGGGTGTTCGCCCATCCGCAACACTCCCCA							
SEQ ID NO: 2	LeuThr-IlePheAlaValLeuGlyWalLeuLeuThraLaPheValLeuGlyValPheAlaArgPheArgAsnThrPro>							
	<u>TRANSLATION OF COD [A]</u>							
	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160
	TCGTGAAGGCCACCACCGGAGCTGTCCTACCTCCTCTCTCTCTCTGCTGCTGCTGCTCTCTCAGCTCTCTTATGTTC							
	IleValLysAlaIaThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrLeuLeuLeuPheSerLeuValCysPheSerSerSerLeuMetPhe>							
	<u>TRANSLATION OF COD [A]</u>							
	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240
	ATCGGTGAACCCCAGGACTGGACGTGCCGCCTGCCAGCGGCCTTCGGGATCAGTTCTGCTCTCTGCAATCTCTGCAT							
	IleGlyGluProGlnAspTrpThrCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle>							
	<u>TRANSLATION OF COD [A]</u>							
	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320
	CCTGGTCAAGACCACCGCGTGTGCTCTTCGAGGCCAAGATCCCCACAGTCTCCACCGCAAGTGGTGGGGCCTGA							
	LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysTrpTrpGlyLeu>							
	<u>TRANSLATION OF COD [A]</u>							
	330	340	350	360	370	380	390	400
	ACCTGCAGTTCCTGTGTTCTGTGCACCTTCGTCCAGGTGATGTTTGGTGGTCTGGCTCTACAAACGCCCGCCG							
	AsnLeuGlnPheLeuLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuYrAsnAlaProPro>							
	<u>TRANSLATION OF COD [A]</u>							

FIG. 1A

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SEQ ID NO: 1 410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
SEQ ID NO: 2 GCCAGCTCCAAGAACGACATCGATGAGATCATCTTCATCACCTGCAACGAGGGCTCCATGATGGCCCTGGGCTTCT
AlaSerSerLysAsnHisAspIleAspGluIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerMetMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF COD [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
GATCGGCTACACCTGTCTCTTGGCCGCAATTGCTTCTTCGCGTTCAAATCGCGCAAACTCCCGGAGAACTTCACAG
IleGlyTyrThrCysLeuLeuAlaIleCysPhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF COD [A]----->

570 580 590
AGCGGAAGTTCATCACGTTTAGCATGCTGATATT
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIleXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF COD [A]----->
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FIG. 1B

SEQ ID NO: 3	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
	CCTGACAATATTCG	CAGTGCTT	GCTGACGGCTTC	GTCTAGGGGT	TTTGCCCGAT	TCCGCAACACT	CCCCA	
SEQ ID NO: 4	LeuThrIlePheAlaVal	LeuGlyVal	LeuLeuThrAlaPheVal	LeuGlyVal	PheAlaArgPheArg	AsnThrPro>		
	-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->							
	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160
	TCGTGAAGGCCAACCA	CGGGRGCTGTCTAC	CTCTCTCTTCTCCCT	GGTGTGCTGCTTCT	CAGCTCTCTAATG	TTC		
	IleValLysAlaThrAsn	ArgXxxLeuSerTyr	LeuLeuPheSerLeuVal	CysPheSerSerLeu	MetPhe>			
	-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->							
	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240
	ATCGGCGAACCCCA	GAGTGGCGTCTGCG	CAGCGCGCTTCGGG	ATCAGCTTCGTCTCT	GCATCTCTGCAT	CTCTGCAT		
	IleGlyGluProGlnAsp	TrpThrCysArgLeu	ArgGlnProAlaPhe	GlyIleSerPheVal	LeuCysIleSer	CysIle>		
	-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->							
	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320
	CCTGGTCAAGACCA	ACCGGTGCTGCTGT	CTTCGAGGCCAAGAT	CCCCACCACTCCAC	CGCAAGTGTGGG	GCCTGA		
	LeuValLysThrAsn	ArgValLeuValPhe	GluAlaLysIlePro	ThrSerLeuHis	ArgLysTrpTrp	GlyLeu>		
	-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->							

FIG. 2A

SEQ ID NO: 3 330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
ACCTGCAGTTCCTGGTGTTCTCTGTGCACCTTCGTCCAGTGATGATTGCGTCTGCTCTACAAACGCCCGCCG
SEQ ID NO: 4 AsnLeuGlnPheLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
GCCAGCTCCAAGAACACGACGACATTGATGATGATCATCTTCATCACCTGCAACGAGGGCTCCATGATGGCCCTGGGCTTTCT
AlaSerSerLysAsnHisAspIleAspGluIleIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerMetMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
GATCGGCTACACCTGTCTCCTCGCCGCCATTGTGCTTCTTCGCGTTCAAATCGCGCAAACCTCCCGGAGAACTTCACAG
IleGlyTyrThrCysLeuLeuAlaAlaIleCysPhePhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->

570 580 590
AGCGGAAGTTCATCACGTTTCAGCATGCTGATATT
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIleXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF HADDOCK [A]----->

FIG. 2B

SEQ ID NO: 5 GCTGACAATATTCGCCCGTGTCTCGGCGTGGTGTCTACAGCGCTTCGTCAATGGGGGTGTTTGTCCGATTCCGCAACACTCCCA 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
SEQ ID NO: 6 LeuThrIlePheAlaValLeuGlyValValLeuThrAlaPheValMetGlyValPheValArgPheArgAsnThrPro> 90
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->
TCGTGAAGGCCACCAACAGGAGGCTGTCTACCTGCTCCTCTCTCCCTCGTCTGCTGCTTCTCCAGCTCCCTCATGTTC 100 110 120 130 140 150 160
IleValLysAlaThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrLeuLeuPheSerLeuValCysCysPheSerSerLeuMetPhe> 170
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->
ATCGGCGAACCGCAGGACTGGACGTGCGCCTCCGCCAGCGCGCCTTCGGCATCAGCTTCGCTCTGTCATCTCCTGCAT 180 190 200 210 220 230 240
IleGlyGluProGlnAspTrpThrCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle> 250
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->
CTTGGTCAAGACCAACCGCGTGTCTGCTGCTTCGAGGCCAAGATCCCCACAGCCTCCACCGCAAGTGGTGGGCTTGA 260 270 280 290 300 310 320
LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysTrpTrpGlyLeu> 330
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->

FIG. 3A

SEQ ID NO: 5 330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
ACCTGAGTTCTCTGCTGGTTCCTGTCACCTTTGTCCAGGTGATGATCTGCGTGGTGGCTGTACAAACGCCCGCCG
SEQ ID NO: 6 AsnLeuGlnPheLeuLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
GCCAGCTCCAAGAACACGACATCGATGAGATCATCTTCATCACCTGCAACGAGGGCTCCATGATGGCCCTGGGCTTTCT
AlaSerSerLysAsnHisAspIleAspGluIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerMetMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
GATCGGCTACACTTGCACTCCCTCGCCGCTATCTGCTTCTTTCGCGTTCAAGTCGCGCAAACTCCCCGAGAACTTCACGG
IleGlyTyrThrCysIleLeuAlaAlaIleCysPhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->

570 580 590
AGGCCAAGTTCATCAGTTCAGCATGCTGATATT
GluAlLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIleXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF HAKE [A]----->

FIG. 3B

SEQ ID NO: 7 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
GTTGACCATATGTGCGGCGCTGGGTGCTTGACAGGCTTCGTGATGGCCGCTCTTTGTGAGATTCCGCAACACCCCCA
LeuThrIleCysAlaAlaLeuGlyValAlaLeuThrGlyPheValMetAlaValPheValArgPheArgAsnThrPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160
TAGTGAAGGCCACGAAACGAGAACTGCTACGTCCTCCTGTTCTCTCATCTGTGCTTCTCCAGCTCCCTCATCTTC
IleValLysAlaThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrValLeuLeuPheSerLeuIleCysCysPheSerSerLeuIlePhe>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

170 180 190 200 210 220 230 240
ATAGGAGAGCCGCGAGGATTGGATGTGCCGCTTACGCCAACCTGCTTGGGATCAGTTTGTCTCTGTATCTCGTGAT
IleGlyGluProGlnAspTrpMetCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320
CCTTGTCAAAACAAACAGAGTCCTCTTGGTGTGTTGAAGCCAAGATCCCTACAAGTCTCCATCGTAAAYGGTGGGGTTAA
LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysXxxTrpGlyLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

FIG. 4A

SEQ ID NO: 7 330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
RCCTACAGTTCTGCTGCTGTTCTGTGACACATTGTCCAAAGTCATGATATGTGGTCTGGCTGTACAAACGCCACCT
SEQ ID NO: 8 XxxLeuGlnPheLeuLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
TCCAGTTACAGGAATTATGACATAGATGAGATGATTTTATCACAATGTAACGAGGGCTCTGTAATGGCTCTTGGGTTTCT
SerSerTyrArgAsnTyrAspIleAspGluMetIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerValMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
TATTGGCTATACATGCCTGCTGGCCGCTATAYGTTTCTTCTTTGGGTTTAAATCAGGAACTTCCAGAAACTTCACAG
IleGlyTyrThrCysLeuLeuAlaIleXxxPhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

570 580 590
AGGCTAAGTTCATCACTTTTAGTATGCTCATATT
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIleXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF HALIBUT [A]----->

FIG. 4B

SEQ ID NO: 9	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
SEQ ID NO: 10	TTTGGCATATGTGCAGTCTTGTTGTTGTTCGACAGCTTTTGTAAATGGGAGTATTGTGCAGATTTGCACACACCCCAA							
	LeuAlaIleCysAlaValLeuGlyValValLeuThrAlaPheValMetGlyValPheValArgPheArgAsnThrPro>							
	-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->							
	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160
	TAGTAGAGCCACAAACCGGAACTATCGTACGTCTCTGTTCTCACTTATCTGCTTCTCCAGCTCTCTCATCTTC							
	IleValLysAlaThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrValLeuLeuPheSerLeuIleCysCysPheSerSerSerLeuIlePhe>							
	-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->							
	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240
	ATCGGAGCCAAAGGATTGGATGTGCCGTTTGGCGCAACCTGCCCTTTGGGATCAGTTTGTCTGTGTATCTCTGTAT							
	IleGlyGluProLysAspTrpMetCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle>							
	-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->							
	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320
	CCTTGTGAAAACTAACAGAGTCCTTTTGGTTTTTGAAGCTAAGATCCCAACAGTCCACCGTAAATGGTGGGATTAA							
	LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysTrpTrpGlyLeu>							
	-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->							

FIG. 5A

SEQ ID NO: 9
SEQ ID NO: 10

330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
ACCTGCAGTTTCTTTGGTGTCTCTGCACATTGTCCAAAGTAATGATATGTGTGGTTTGGCTTTACAAACGCCCTCCT
AsnLeuGlnPheLeuLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
TCCAGTTATATGATCCATGACATTGATGAGATAATTTTATCACCTGCAATGAGGGCTCTGTGATGGCTCTTGGCTTTCT
SerSerTyrMetIleHisAspIleAspGluIleIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerValMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
TATTGGCTACACCTGCCTCTGGCAGCTATATGTTCTCTTTTGGCATTTAAATCAGAAACCTTCCAGAAACTTTACAG
IleGlyTyrThrCysLeuLeuAlaIleCysPhePheAlaIlePheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->

570 580 590
AAGCCAAGTTTCATCCTTTTAGCATGCTCATATT
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIlexxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF MACKEREL [A]----->

FIG. 5B

SEQ ID NO: 11
SEQ ID NO: 12

10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
CCTGACAATATTCGCAGTCTAGAGTCTTGCTGACAGCCTTCTGCTGGGGGTGTTGCCCCGATTCCGTAACACTCCAA
LeuThrIlePheAlaValLeuGlyValLeuLeuThrAlaPheValLeuGlyValPheAlaArgPheArgAsnThrPro>
TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]

90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160
TTGTGAAGGCCACCAACCGGGAGCTGTCTACCTCCTCTCTCTCCCTGCTGCTGCTGCTCTCTCCAGCTCTCTAATGTTT
IleValLysAlaThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrLeuLeuLeuPheSerLeuValCysCysPheSerSerLeuMetPhe>
TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]

170 180 190 200 210 220 230 240
ATCGGCGAACCCCGAGGACTGGACGTGCCGTCTGCGCGCAGCCGCCCTTCGGGATCAGCTTCTGCTCTGCACTCTCTGCA
IleGlyGluProGlnAspTrpThrCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle>
TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]

250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320
CCTGGTCAAGACCAACCGCGTGTGCTGCTCTTCGAGGCCAAGATCCCAACCAAGTCTCCACCCGCAAGTGGTGGGGCCTGA
LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysTrpTrpGlyLeu>
TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]

FIG. 6A

SEQ ID NO: 11
SEQ ID NO: 12

330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
ACCTGCAGTTCCTGCTGGTGTTCCTGTGCACCTTCGTCCAGGTGATGATTTGGCTGGTCTGACTCTACAACGCCCGCCG
AsnLeuGlnPheLeuLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
GCCAGCTCCAAGAACCAACATCGATGATCATCTTCATCACCTGCAACGAGGGCTCCATGATGGCCCTGGGCTTTCT
AlaSerSerLysAsnHisAspIleAspGluIleIlePheIleIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerMetMetAlaIleuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
GATCGGTACACCTGTCTCCTCGCCGCCATTGTCTTCTTCGCGTTCAAATCGCGCAAACTCCCGGAGAACTTCACAG
IleGlyTyrThrCysLeuLeuAlaAlaIleCysPhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]----->

570 580 590
AGCGGAAGTTCATCACGTTTCAGCATGCTGATATT
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIleXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF POLLOCK [A]----->

FIG. 6B

SEQ ID NO: 13
SEQ ID NO: 14

10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
TTTGGCCATATGTGCAGTACTGGGTGGTGCATGACAGCGTTTGTGATGGAGTCTTTGTACAGATTTCGCAACACCCCAA
LeuAlaIleCysAlaValLeuGlyValValMetThrAlaPheValMetGlyValPheValArgPheArgAsnThrPro>
TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]

90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160
TAGTGAAGACCAACCAACGAGAACTGTCCTACGTCTCCTATTCTCACTGATCTGCTGCTTCTCCAGCTCCCTCGTCTTC
IleValLysThrThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrValLeuLeuPheSerLeuIleCysCysPheSerSerSerLeuValPhe>
TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]

170 180 190 200 210 220 230 240
ATTGGAGAGCCACAGGATTGGACATGTCGTTTACGTCAACCTGCCCTTGGTATCAGCTTTGTTCTCTGTATCTCCTGCAT
IleGlyGluProGlnAspTrpThrCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle>
TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]

250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320
CCTTGTGAAACCAACACAGACTCTTTGGTATTTGAAGCTAAGATCCCAAGTCTCCATCGTAAATGGTGGGATTGA
LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysTrpTrpGlyLeu>
TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]

FIG. 7A

SEQ ID NO: 13 330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
ACCTGCAGTTCTCTGCTGGTGTCTGTCAAGTCATGATGTGGTATGGCTTTACAACGCCCTCCT
SEQ ID NO: 14 AsnLeuGlnPheLeuLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
TCCAGCTACAGGAATCACGACATTGATGAAATCATTTTATCACCTGCAATGAGGATCTGTGATGGCTCTTGGGTTTCT
SerSerTyrArgAsnHisAspIleAspGluIleIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerValMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
TATTGGCCACACGTCCTCCTGGCAGCTATATGTTTTTCTTTGCAATCAAATCTCGAAACTTCCAGAAAACTTTACAG
IleGlyHisThrCysLeuLeuAlaIleCysPhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]----->

570 580 590
AGGCAAGTTTCATCACCTTTAGCATGCTAATATT
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIleXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF SEA BASS [A]----->

FIG. 7B

SEQ ID NO: 15 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
CTTGGCATTTATGCTCTGTGCTGGGGTATTCTTGACAGCATTCTGTGGGAGTGTTTATCAAAITTCGCAACACCCCAA
SEQ ID NO: 16 LeuAlaLeuCysSerValLeuGlyValPheLeuThrAlaPheValMetGlyValPheIleLysPheArgAsnThrPro>
TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]

90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160
TTGTTAAGGCCACAAACAGAGAGCTATCCTACCTCCTCCTGTTCTCACTCATCTGCTGTTTCTCCAGTTCCTCATCTTC
IleValLysAlaThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrLeuLeuLeuPheSerLeuIleCysCysPheSerSerSerLeuIlePhe>
TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]

170 180 190 200 210 220 230 240
ATTGGTGAACCCCGAGCTGGACATGCCGCTACGCCAGCCTGCATTCCGGATAAGTTTGTCTCTGTCATCTCCTGCAT
IleGlyGluProGlnAspTrpThrCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle>
TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]

250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320
CCTGTAAAAAATAACCGAGTACTTCTAGTGTTCGAAGCCCAAGATCCCCACCAAGTCTCCATCGTAAGTGGTGGGGCTAA
LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysTrpTrpGlyLeu>
TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]

FIG. 8A

SEQ ID NO: 15 330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
ACTTGCAAGTTCCTGTTAGTGTTCCTGTTACATTTGTGCAAGTGATGTGTGGCTGGCTTTACAATGCTCCTCCG
SEQ ID NO: 16 AsnLeuGlnPheLeuLeuValPheLeuPheThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
GCGAGCTACAGGAACCATGACATTGATGAGATAATTTTCATTACATGCAATGAGGGCTCTATGATGGCGCTTGGCTTCCT
AlaSerTyrArgAsnHisAspIleAspGluIleIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerMetMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
AATTGGGTACACATGCCTGTCTGGCAGCCATATGCTTCTTCTTTCATTAAATCAGAAACTGCCAGAGAACTTTACTG
IleGlyTyrThrCysLeuLeuAlaAlaIleCysPhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]----->

570 580 590
AGGCTAAGTTCATCACCTTCAGCATGCTCATCTT
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIleXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF SWORDFISH [A]----->

FIG. 8B

SEQ ID NO: 17 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
SEQ ID NO: 18 TTTGGCCATATGTGCACTGGGTGTTGCTTGACAGCTTTTGTAAATGGGAGTGTTCAGATTTTCGCAACACCCCAA
 LeuAlaIleCysAlaValLeuGlyValValLeuThrAlaPheValMetGlyValPheValArgPheArgAsnThrPro>
 -----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160
 TAGTGAAGGCCACAAACCGAGAACTGTCTTACGTCCTTCTGTTCTCACTTATCTGTTGCTTCTCCAGCTCTCTCATCTTC
 IleValLysAlaThrAsnArgGluLeuSerTyrValLeuLeuPheSerLeuIleCysCysPheSerSerSerLeuIlePhe>
 -----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

 170 180 190 200 210 220 230 240
 ATCGGAGAGCCGAAGGATTGGATGTGCCGTTTGGCGCAACCTGCCCTTGGGATCAGTTTTGTGTTCTTTGTATTTCTGCAT
 IleGlyGluProLysAspTrpMetCysArgLeuArgGlnProAlaPheGlyIleSerPheValLeuCysIleSerCysIle>
 -----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

 250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320
 CCTTGTAAGGCAATAGAGTGCTTTTGGTATTTGAAGCCCAAGATCCCAACAAAGTCTCCACCGTAAATGGTGGGATTAA
 LeuValLysThrAsnArgValLeuLeuValPheGluAlaLysIleProThrSerLeuHisArgLysTrpTrpGlyLeu>
 -----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

FIG. 9A

SEQ ID NO: 17 330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400
ACCTGCAGTTTCTTTTGGTGTCTCTGCACATTGTCCAAAGTAATGATATGTGGTCTTGGCTTTACAATGCCCTCCT
SEQ ID NO: 18 AsnLeuGlnPheLeuValPheLeuCysThrPheValGlnValMetIleCysValValTrpLeuTyrAsnAlaProPro>
-----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

410 420 430 440 450 460 470 480
TCCAGCTATATGAACCATGACATTGATGAGATTATTTTATCACCTGCAACGAGGGCTCTGTGATGGCTCTTGGGTTTCT
SerSerTyrMetAsnHisAspIleAspGluIleIlePheIleThrCysAsnGluGlySerValMetAlaLeuGlyPheLeu>
-----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

490 500 510 520 530 540 550 560
TATCGGCTACACGTCCTCTGGCGGCTATATGTTTCTTCTTTGCATTTAATCAGAAACTTCCAGAAAACTTTACAG
IleGlyTyrThrCysLeuLeuAlaAlaIleCysPhePheAlaPheLysSerArgLysLeuProGluAsnPheThr>
-----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

570 580 590
AGGCTAAGTTCATCATTCTTAGCATGCTCATATTTTA
GluAlaLysPheIleThrPheSerMetLeuIlePheXxx>
-----TRANSLATION OF TUNA [A]----->

FIG. 9B


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ccacgcgtcc gggagatggt caggagaaac atcacagatc gcatttggct agccagcgaa 60 SEQ ID NO. 19
gçgtgggcca gctcttccct tattgccaaa ccagagtatc ttgacgttgt ggcaggaact 120
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aaaaaaaaa

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FIG. 10A

Pro Arg Val Arg Glu Met Val Arg Arg Asn Ile Thr Asp Arg Ile Trp SEQ ID NO. 20
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 Leu Ala Ser Glu Ala Trp Ala Ser Ser Ser Leu Ile Ala Lys Pro Glu
 20 25 30
 Tyr Leu Asp Val Val Ala Gly Thr Ile Gly Phe Ala Leu Lys Ala Gly
 35 40 45
 Gly Ile Pro Gly Phe Arg Glu Phe Leu Gln His Val Gln Pro Lys Lys
 50 55 60
 Asp Ser His Asn Glu Phe Val Arg Glu Phe Trp Glu Glu Thr Phe Asn
 65 70 75 80
 Cys Tyr Leu Glu Asp Ser Pro Arg Leu Gln Glu Cys Gly Ser Thr Ser
 85 90 95
 Phe Arg Pro Leu Cys Thr Gly Glu Glu Asp Ile Thr Ser Val Glu Thr
 100 105 110
 Pro Tyr Leu Asp Phe Thr His Leu Arg Ile Ser Tyr Asn Val Tyr Val
 115 120 125
 Ala Val Tyr Ser Ile Ala Gln Ala Leu Gln Asp Ile Leu Thr Cys Thr
 130 135 140
 Pro Gly His Gly Leu Phe Ala Asn Asn Ser Cys Ala Asp Ile Lys Lys
 145 150 155 160
 Met Glu Ala Trp Gln Val Leu Lys Gln Leu Arg His Leu Asn Tyr Thr
 165 170 175
 Asn Ser Met Gly Glu Lys Ile His Phe Asp Glu Asn Asp Asp Leu Ala
 180 185 190
 Ala Asn Tyr Met Ile Ile Asn Trp His Arg Ser Thr Glu Asp Gly Ser
 195 200 205
 Val Val Phe Glu Glu Val Gly Tyr Tyr His Met His Ala Lys Arg Gly
 210 215 220
 Ala Lys Leu Leu Ile Asp Arg Thr Lys Ile Leu Trp Asn Gly Tyr Ser
 225 230 235 240
 Ser Glu Val Pro Phe Ser Asn Cys Ser Glu Asp Cys Asp Pro Gly Thr
 245 250 255
 Arg Lys Gly Ile Ile Asp Ser Met Pro Thr Cys Cys Phe Glu Cys Thr
 260 265 270
 Glu Cys Ser Asp Gly Glu Tyr Ser Thr His Lys Asp Ala Ser Val Cys
 275 280 285
 Thr Lys Cys Pro Asn Asn Ser Trp Ser Asn Gly Asn His Thr Phe Cys
 290 295 300
 Phe Leu Lys Glu Ile Glu Phe Leu Ser Trp Thr Glu Pro Phe Gly Ile
 305 310 315 320
 Ala Leu Thr Ile Cys Ala Val Leu Gly Val Ala Leu Thr Gly Phe Val
 325 330 335
 Met Ala Val Phe Val Arg Phe Arg Asn Thr Pro Ile Val Lys Ala Thr
 340 345 350
 Asn Arg Glu Leu Ser Tyr Val Leu Leu Phe Ser Leu Ile Cys Cys Phe
 355 360 365
 Ser Ser Ser Leu Ile Phe Ile Gly Glu Pro Gln Asp Trp Met Cys Arg
 370 375 380
 Leu Arg Gln Pro Ala Phe Gly Ile Ser Phe Val Leu Cys Ile Ser Cys
 385 390 395 400
 Ile Leu Val Lys Thr Asn Arg Val Leu Leu Val Phe Glu Ala Lys Ile
 405 410 415
 Pro Thr Ser Leu His Arg Lys Trp Trp Gly Leu Asn Leu Gln Phe Leu
 420 425 430
 Leu Val Phe Leu Cys Thr Phe Val Gln Val Met Ile Cys Val Val Trp
 435 440 445

FIG. 10B

Leu Tyr Asn Ala Pro Pro Ser Ser Tyr Arg Asn Tyr Asp Ile Asp Glu SEQ ID NO. 20
 450 455 460
 Met Ile Phe Ile Thr Cys Asn Glu Gly Ser Val Met Ala Leu Gly Phe
 465 470 475 480
 Leu Ile Gly Tyr Thr Cys Leu Leu Ala Ala Ile Cys Phe Phe Phe Ala
 485 490 495
 Phe Lys Ser Arg Lys Leu Pro Glu Asn Phe Thr Glu Ala Lys Phe Ile
 500 505 510
 Thr Phe Ser Met Leu Ile Phe Phe Ile Val Trp Ile Ser Phe Ile Pro
 515 520 525
 Ala Tyr Phe Ser Thr Tyr Gly Lys Phe Val Ser Ala Val Glu Val Ile
 530 535 540
 Ala Ile Leu Ala Ser Ser Phe Gly Met Leu Ala Cys Ile Phe Phe Asn
 545 550 555 560
 Lys Val Tyr Ile Ile Leu Phe Lys Pro Ser Arg Asn Thr Ile Glu Glu
 565 570 575
 Val Arg Cys Ser Thr Ser Ala His Ala Phe Lys Val Ala Ala Lys Ala
 580 585 590
 Thr Leu Lys His Ser Thr Ala Ser Arg Arg Lys Ser Gly Ser Thr Gly
 595 600 605
 Gly Ser Ser Asp Ser Thr Pro Ser Ser Ser Ile Ser Leu Lys Thr Asn
 610 615 620
 Gly Asn Asp Pro Thr Ser Gly Lys Pro Arg Val Ser Phe Gly Ser Gly
 625 630 635 640
 Thr Val Thr Leu Ser Leu Ser Phe Glu Glu Ser Arg Arg Ser Ser Leu
 645 650 655
 Met

FIG. 10C

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tgctcgtggac ggagcccttt gggatcgcgt tggccatatg tgcagcgctg ggtggtgcct 60 SEQ ID NO. 21
tgacggggtt cgtgatggcc gtctttatca gattccgcaa caccocaata gtgaaggcca 120
cgaaccgaga actgtcctat gtctcctgt tctctctcat ctggtgcttc tccagttccc 180
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ccctccctc cagttacagg aattatgaca tagatgagat gatttttatc acatg 475

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 20          25          30
Asn Thr Pro Ile Val Lys Ala Thr Asn Arg Glu Leu Ser Tyr Val Leu
 35          40          45
Leu Phe Ser Leu Ile Cys Cys Phe Ser Ser Ser Leu Ile Phe Ile Gly
 50          55          60
Glu Pro Gln Asp Trp Met Cys Arg Leu Arg Gln Pro Ala Phe Gly Ile
 65          70          75          80
Ser Phe Val Leu Cys Ile Ser Cys Ile Leu Val Lys Thr Asn Arg Val
 85          90          95
Leu Leu Val Phe Glu Ala Lys Ile Pro Thr Ser Leu His Arg Lys Trp
100          105          110
Trp Gly Leu Asn Leu Gln Phe Leu Leu Val Phe Leu Cys Thr Phe Val
115          120          125
Gln Val Met Ile Cys Val Val Trp Leu Tyr Asn Ala Pro Pro Ser Ser
130          135          140
Tyr Arg Asn Tyr Asp Ile Asp Glu Met Ile Phe Ile Thr
145          150          155

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FIG. 11

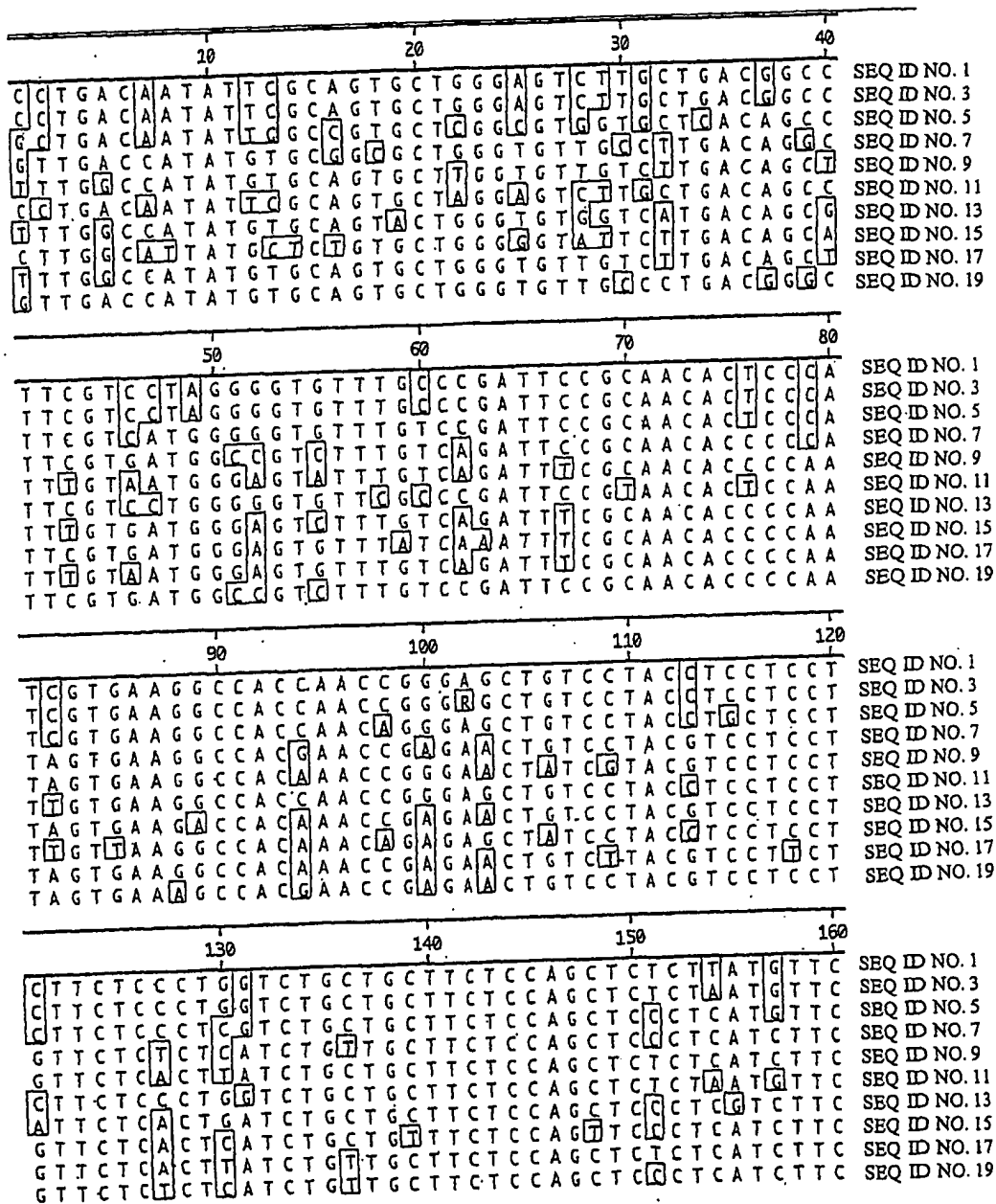


FIG. 12A

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C	C	T	T	G	T	C	A	A	A	A	C	A	A	A	C	A	G	A	G	T	C	C	T	T	T	G	G	T	G	T	T	T	G	A	A	G	C	C	SEQ ID NO. 7	
C	C	T	T	G	T	G	A	A	A	A	C	T	A	A	C	A	G	A	G	T	C	C	T	T	T	T	G	G	T	T	T	T	G	A	A	G	C	T	SEQ ID NO. 9	
C	C	T	G	G	T	C	A	A	G	A	C	C	A	A	C	C	G	C	G	A	G	T	C	G	T	C	G	T	C	T	C	G	A	G	G	C	C	SEQ ID NO. 11		
C	C	T	T	G	T	G	A	A	A	A	C	A	A	A	C	A	G	A	G	T	A	C	T	T	T	T	G	G	T	G	A	T	T	G	A	A	G	C	T	SEQ ID NO. 13
C	C	T	G	G	T	A	A	A	A	A	C	T	A	A	C	C	G	A	G	T	A	C	T	T	C	T	A	G	T	G	T	T	C	G	A	A	G	C	SEQ ID NO. 15	
C	C	T	T	G	T	G	A	A	A	A	C	A	A	A	T	A	G	A	G	T	G	C	T	T	T	T	G	G	T	A	T	T	T	G	A	A	G	C	SEQ ID NO. 17	
C	C	T	T	G	T	G	A	A	A	A	C	A	A	A	C	C	G	A	G	T	C	C	T	C	T	T	G	G	T	G	T	T	T	G	A	A	G	C	SEQ ID NO. 19	
290										300										310										320										
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	C	A	C	C	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	C	C	G	C	A	A	G	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	C	C	T	G	A	SEQ ID NO. 1	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	C	A	C	C	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	C	C	G	C	A	A	G	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	C	C	T	G	A	SEQ ID NO. 3	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	C	A	C	C	A	G	C	T	C	C	A	C	C	G	C	A	A	G	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	C	C	T	T	G	A	SEQ ID NO. 5	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	T	A	C	A	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	C	T	C	G	T	A	A	A	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	G	T	T	A	SEQ ID NO. 7	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	A	A	C	A	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	C	C	G	T	A	A	A	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	G	A	T	T	A	SEQ ID NO. 9	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	C	A	C	C	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	C	C	G	C	A	A	G	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	C	C	T	G	A	SEQ ID NO. 11	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	C	A	C	A	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	T	C	G	T	A	A	A	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	G	A	T	T	G	A	SEQ ID NO. 13
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	C	A	C	C	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	T	C	G	T	A	A	A	G	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	G	C	T	A	SEQ ID NO. 15	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	A	A	C	A	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	C	C	G	T	A	A	A	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	G	A	T	T	A	SEQ ID NO. 17	
A	A	G	A	T	C	C	C	G	A	C	A	A	G	T	C	T	C	C	A	T	C	G	T	A	A	A	T	G	G	T	G	G	G	G	G	T	T	A	SEQ ID NO. 19	

FIG. 12B

330	340	350	360	
A C C T G C A G T T C T T G C T G G T G T T C C T G T G C A C C T T C G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 1
A C C T G C A G T T C C T G C T G G T G T T C C T G T G C A C C T T C G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 3
A C C T G C A G T T C C T G C T G G T G T T C C T G T G C A C C T T T G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 5
R C C T A C A G T T C C T G C T G G T G T T C T G T G C A C A T T T G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 7
A C C T G C A G T T T C T T T T G G T G T T C T C T G C A C A T T T G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 9
A C C T G C A G T T C C T G C T G G T G T T C C T G T G C A C C T T C G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 11
A C C T G C A G T T C C T G C T G G T G T T C T G T G C A C A T T T G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 13
A C T T G C A G T T C C T G T T A G T G T T C C T G T T C A C A T T T G T G C A				SEQ ID NO. 15
A C C T G C A G T T T C T T T T G G T G T T C T C T G C A C A T T T G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 17
A C C T A C A G T T C C T G C T G G T G T T C T G T G C A C A T T T G T C C A				SEQ ID NO. 19
370	380	390	400	
G G T G A T G A T T T G C G T G G T C T G G C T C T A C A A C G C C C C G C C G				SEQ ID NO. 1
G G T G A T G A T T T G Y G T G G T C T G G C T C T A C A A C G C C C C G C C G				SEQ ID NO. 3
G G T G A T G A T C T G C G T G G T G T G G C T G T A C A A C G C C C C G C C G				SEQ ID NO. 5
A G T C A T G A T A T G T G T G G T C T G G C T G T A C A A C G C C C C A C C T				SEQ ID NO. 7
A G T A T G A T A T G T G T G G T T T G G C T T T A C A A C G C C C C T C C T				SEQ ID NO. 9
G G T G A T G A T T T G C G T G G T C T G G C T C T A C A A C G C C C C G C C G				SEQ ID NO. 11
A G T C A T G A T A T G T G T G G T A T G G C T T T A C A A C G C C C C T C C T				SEQ ID NO. 13
A G T G A T G A T A T G T G T G G T C T G G C T T T A C A A T G C C T C C T C C G				SEQ ID NO. 15
A G T A T G A T A T G T G T G G T C T G G C T T T A C A A T G C C C C T C C T				SEQ ID NO. 17
A G T C A T G A T A T G T G T G G T C T G G C T G T A C A A C G C C C C A C C T				SEQ ID NO. 19
410	420	430	440	
G C C A G C T C C A A G A A C C A C G A C A T C G A T G A G A T C A T C T T C A				SEQ ID NO. 1
G C C A G C T C C A A G A A C C A C G A C A T T G A T G A G A T C A T C T T C A				SEQ ID NO. 3
G C C A G C T C C A A G A A C C A C G A C A T C G A T G A G A T C A T C T T C A				SEQ ID NO. 5
T C C A G T T A C A G G A A T T A T G A C A T A G A T G A G A T G A T T T T A				SEQ ID NO. 7
T C C A G T T A T A T G A T C C A T G A C A T T G A T G A G A T A A T T T T A				SEQ ID NO. 9
G C C A G C T C C A A G A A C C A C G A C A T C G A T G A G A T C A T C T T C A				SEQ ID NO. 11
T C C A G C T A C A G G A A T C A C G A C A T T G A T G A A A T C A T T T T A				SEQ ID NO. 13
G C G A G C T A C A G G A A C C A T G A C A T T G A T G A G A T A A T T T T A				SEQ ID NO. 15
T C C A G C T A T A T G A A C C A T G A C A T T G A T G A G A T T A T T T T A				SEQ ID NO. 17
T C C A G T T A C A G G A A T T A T G A C A T A G A T G A G A T G A T T T T A				SEQ ID NO. 19
450	460	470	480	
T C A C C T G C A A C G A G G G C T C C A T G A T G G C C C T G G G C T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 1
T C A C C T G C A A C G A G G G C T C C A T G A T G G C C C T G G G C T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 3
T C A C C T G C A A C G A G G G C T C C A T G A T G G C C C T G G G C T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 5
T C A C A T G T A A C G A G G G C T C T G T A A T G G C T C T T G G G T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 7
T C A C C T G C A A T G A G G G C T C T G T G A T G G C T C T T G G C T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 9
T C A C C T G C A A C G A G G G C T C C A T G A T G G C C C T G G G C T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 11
T C A C C T G C A A T G A G G G A T C T G T G A T G G C T C T T G G G T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 13
T T A C A T G C A A T G A G G G C T C T A T G A T G G C C C T T G G C T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 15
T C A C C T G C A A C G A G G G C T C T G T G A T G G C T C T T G G G T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 17
T C A C A T G T A A T G A A G G C T C T G T A A T G G C T C T T G G G T T T C T				SEQ ID NO. 19

FIG. 12C

490	500	510	520	
GATCGGGCTACACCTGTCTCCTTGGCCGCCATTTTGCTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 1			
GATCGGGCTACACCTGTCTCCTTGGCCGCCATTTTGCTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 3			
GATCGGGCTACACCTGTCTCCTTGGCCGCCATTTTGCTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 5			
TATTGGGCTATACATGTCCTGGGCCGCTATATGTTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 7			
TATTGGGCTACACCTGCTCCTTGGCCGCTATATGTTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 9			
GATCGGGCTACACCTGTCTCCTTGGCCGCCATTTTGCTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 11			
TATTGGCTACACCTGCTCCTTGGGCCGCTATATGTTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 13			
AATTGGGCTACACCTGTCCTTGGGCCGCTATATGTTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 15			
TATTGGGCTACACCTGTCCTTGGGCCGCTATATGTTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 17			
TATTGGGCTATACATGTCCTTGGGCCGCTATATGTTTCTTTC	SEQ ID NO. 19			

530	540	550	560	
TTTGGCGTTCAAAATCGGGCAAAACTTCCCGGAGAACTTCAACAG	SEQ ID NO. 1			
TTTGGCGTTCAAAATCGGGCAAAACTTCCCGGAGAACTTCAACAG	SEQ ID NO. 3			
TTTGGCGTTCAAAATCGGGCAAAACTTCCCGGAGAACTTCAACAG	SEQ ID NO. 5			
TTTGGCGTTTAAATCACGGAAAACTTCCAGAAAACTTCAACAG	SEQ ID NO. 7			
TTTGGCAATTAATCAACGGAAAACTTCCAGAAAACTTTCAACAG	SEQ ID NO. 9			
TTTGGCGTTCAAAATCGGGCAAAACTTCCGGAGAACTTCAACAG	SEQ ID NO. 11			
TTTGGCAATTAATCTCGGAAAACTTCCAGAAAACTTTCAACAG	SEQ ID NO. 13			
TTTGGCAATTTAAATCACGGAAAACTTCCAGAGAACTTTACATG	SEQ ID NO. 15			
TTTGGCAATTTAAATCACGGAAAACTTCCAGAAAACTTTACACAG	SEQ ID NO. 17			
TTTGGCAATTTCAAAATCACGGAAAACTTCCAGAAAACTTCAACG	SEQ ID NO. 19			

570	580	590	
AGGCGAAGTTCATCACGTTTATGTCATGCTGATATT	SEQ ID NO. 1		
AGGCGAAGTTCATCACGTTTATGTCATGCTGATATT	SEQ ID NO. 3		
AGGCGAAGTTCATCACGTTTATGTCATGCTGATATT	SEQ ID NO. 5		
AGGCCTAAGTTCATCACTTTTATGTCATGCTCATATT	SEQ ID NO. 7		
AAGCGCAAGTTCATCACTTTTATGTCATGCTCATATT	SEQ ID NO. 9		
AGGCGAAGTTCATCACGTTTATGTCATGCTGATATT	SEQ ID NO. 11		
AGGCCTAAGTTCATCACCTTTTATGTCATGCTCATATT	SEQ ID NO. 13		
AGGCCTAAGTTCATCACCTTTATGTCATGCTCATATT	SEQ ID NO. 15		
AGGCCTAAGTTCATCACTTTTATGTCATGCTCATATT	SEQ ID NO. 17		
AGGCCTAAGTTCATCACTTTTATGTCATGCTCATATT	SEQ ID NO. 19		

Decoration 'Decoration #1': Box residues that differ from the Consensus.

FIG. 12D

10										20										
Leu	Thr	Ile	Phe	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Leu	Leu	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Phe	Ala	SEQ ID NO. 2
Leu	Thr	Ile	Phe	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Leu	Leu	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Phe	Ala	SEQ ID NO. 4
Leu	Thr	Ile	Phe	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Val	Leu	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Met	Gly	Val	Phe	Val	SEQ ID NO. 6
Leu	Thr	Ile	Cys	Ala	Ala	Leu	Gly	Val	Ala	Leu	Thr	Gly	Phe	Val	Met	Ala	Val	Phe	Val	SEQ ID NO. 8
Leu	Ala	Ile	Cys	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Val	Leu	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Met	Gly	Val	Phe	Val	SEQ ID NO. 10
Leu	Thr	Ile	Phe	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Leu	Leu	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Phe	Ala	SEQ ID NO. 12
Leu	Ala	Ile	Cys	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Val	Met	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Met	Gly	Val	Phe	Val	SEQ ID NO. 14
Leu	Ala	Leu	Cys	Ser	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Phe	Leu	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Met	Gly	Val	Phe	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 16
Leu	Ala	Ile	Cys	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Val	Leu	Thr	Ala	Phe	Val	Met	Gly	Val	Phe	Val	SEQ ID NO. 18
Leu	Thr	Ile	Cys	Ala	Val	Leu	Gly	Val	Ala	Leu	Thr	Gly	Phe	Val	Met	Ala	Val	Phe	Val	SEQ ID NO. 20
30										40										
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 2
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 4
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 6
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Val	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 8
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Val	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 10
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 12
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Thr	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Val	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 14
Lys	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Leu	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 16
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Val	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 18
Arg	Phe	Arg	Asn	Thr	Pro	Ile	Val	Lys	Ala	Thr	Asn	Arg	Glu	Leu	Ser	Tyr	Val	Leu	Leu	SEQ ID NO. 20
50										60										
Phe	Ser	Leu	Val	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Met	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 2
Phe	Ser	Leu	Val	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Met	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 4
Phe	Ser	Leu	Val	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Met	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 6
Phe	Ser	Leu	Ile	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Ile	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 8
Phe	Ser	Leu	Ile	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Ile	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Lys	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 10
Phe	Ser	Leu	Val	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Met	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 12
Phe	Ser	Leu	Ile	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Val	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 14
Phe	Ser	Leu	Ile	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Ile	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 16
Phe	Ser	Leu	Ile	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Ile	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Lys	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 18
Phe	Ser	Leu	Ile	Cys	Cys	Phe	Ser	Ser	Ser	Leu	Ile	Phe	Ile	Gly	Glu	Pro	Gln	Asp	Trp	SEQ ID NO. 20
70										80										
Thr	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 2
Thr	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 4
Thr	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 6
Met	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 8
Met	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 10
Thr	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 12
Thr	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 14
Thr	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 16
Met	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 18
Met	Cys	Arg	Leu	Arg	Gln	Pro	Ala	Phe	Gly	Ile	Ser	Phe	Val	Leu	Cys	Ile	Ser	Cys	Ile	SEQ ID NO. 20

FIG. 13A

90																			100	
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 2
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 4
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 6
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 8
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 10
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 12
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 14
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 16
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 18
Leu	Val	Lys	Thr	Asn	Arg	Val	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Glu	Ala	Lys	Ile	Pro	Thr	Ser	Leu	His	SEQ ID NO. 20
110																				120
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 2
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 4
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 6
Arg	Lys	Arg	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 8
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 10
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 12
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 14
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Phe	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 16
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 18
Arg	Lys	Trp	Trp	Gly	Leu	Asn	Leu	Gln	Phe	Leu	Leu	Val	Phe	Leu	Cys	Thr	Phe	Val	Gln	SEQ ID NO. 20
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FIG. 13B

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Decoration 'Decoration #1': Box residues that differ from the Consensus.

FIG. 13C

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FIG. 14A

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FIG. 14B

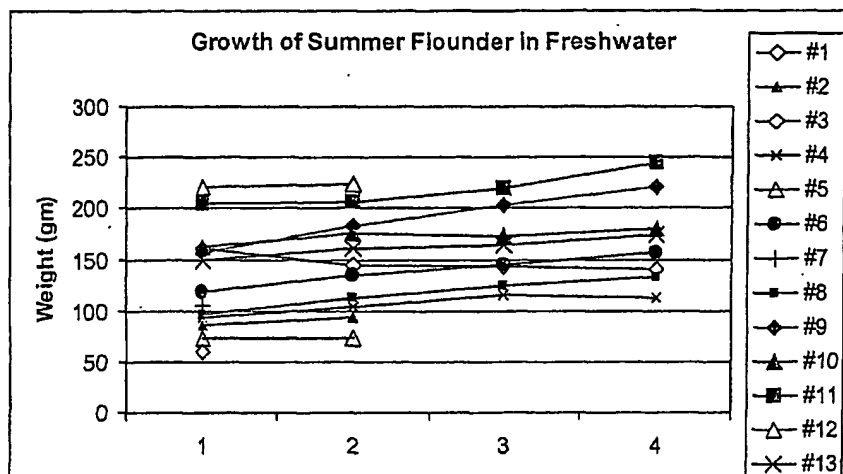


FIG. 15

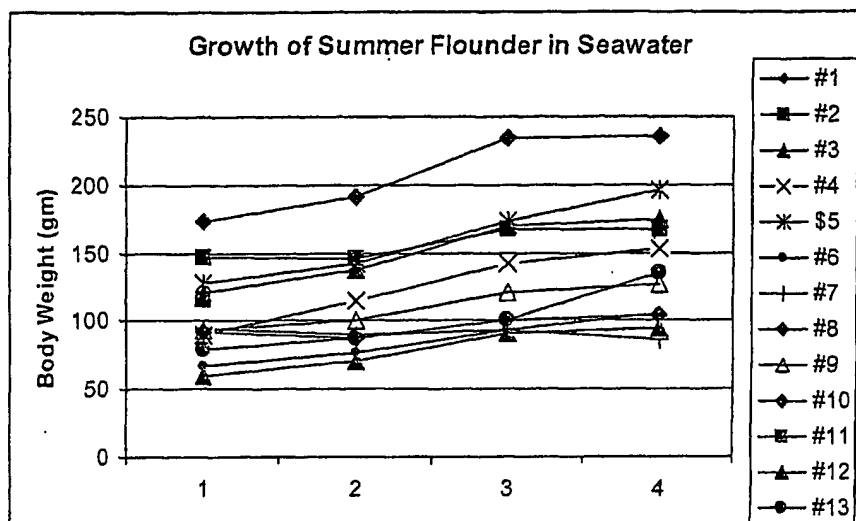


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